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## Closure aims to prevent revenge attacks

**ON LEVY**

THE decision to impose a closure on the territories was based on reports of attempts to infiltrate into Israel to launch attacks, especially to mark the 40 days since the killing of "The Engineer," Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

Kalkiya and Jenin were reopened to Israeli last night.

Observing a Nahal brigade exercise in the South yesterday, Peres said the closure could not be hermetic, but was useful in undermining the terrorists' plans. OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said the terrorists might also choose to attack on February 19, the eve of the Id al-Fitr holiday, marking the end of Ramadan.

Peres refused to say how long the closure would remain in effect. "The closure will continue until further notice. We'll see what the situation is tonight, and we'll see what it is tomorrow, and we'll judge the matter on its merits."

Mezriville, Palestinian police and Palestinian Preventive Security Service agents were searching places yesterday where they suspect Hamas or Islamic Jihad terrorists planning to launch a suicide attack in Israel might be hiding.



A border policeman prevents Palestinian demonstrators from reaching Rachel's Tomb yesterday as dozens of Bethlehem residents protested the building of a new security wall outside it. (Reuters)

## Ya'alon: Hizbullah activities linked to Syria's interest in negotiations

**OC INTELLIGENCE Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon** yesterday noted "a clear connection between Syrian interests in the peace negotiations and Hizbullah's activities in Lebanon."

In his report to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Ya'alon said there had been four recent breaks in Hizbullah attacks; during the first and second rounds of negotiations in Maryland; before the visit to the region by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher; and during US Vice President Al Gore's visit.

"It is the Syrians who are ordering the Hizbullah to have a break in activities," Ya'alon said, according to an official briefing.

Ya'alon said before Christopher's last visit, Syria had tried to create a crisis atmosphere. Syria is claiming that Israel is trying to delay the peace process by holding the elections and refusing to discuss economic arrangements before security arrangements, he said.

Answering a question by MK Ariel Sharon (Likud), Ya'alon said Assad is different than

**LIAT COLLINS**

Anwar Sadat and King Hussein and has only one goal - for Israel to withdraw to the June 4, 1967, border - which must be accomplished before talking about anything else.

"He is more suspicious than the others, and from his point of view the negotiations can continue for years. He prefers not to reach an agreement than to reach an agreement and be stuck with an early-warning station in his territory," Ya'alon said.

He said the Syrians cannot understand Israel's need for a public referendum on the Golan Heights as Assad sees this as a domestic Syrian issue.

Since January there have been 64 attacks in south Lebanon, of which 50 were aimed at the South Lebanese Army and the rest at the IDF. Hizbullah was responsible for 31 of the attacks; Amal for 13; and the rest were carried out by other Palestinian groups.

On the Palestinian issue, Ya'alon said the

Palestinian Authority has prepared a list of Israeli violations of the Oslo accords that includes quarrying, road building, and land seizures. The PA is calling for a demonstration on February 15 against Israel's continued building of roads and land confiscation.

Ya'alon also cited two target dates for terror attacks; yesterday, which marked 40 days since Yihye Ayyash was killed; and February 19, the eve of the Id al-Fitr holiday.

Ya'alon said there has been a drop in local terror, related to the terror groups' difficulties both in the decision-making process and in carrying out the attacks.

"When the PA has information of an attempt to carry out an attack it does everything to arrest those involved," he said. "It is not interested in attacks, but it is not acting to eradicate the problem at its source."

The committee meeting was attended by only a handful of MKs, with the number falling to three, including chairman Haggai Merom.

## Peres expected to name June 4 as election date

**SARAH HONIG and HERB KEINON**

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is due to announce the date he has selected for elections this morning. It is widely expected to be June 4, the date preferred by the religious parties.

May 28, which Labor initially chose, is problematic for the religious parties because of its proximity to Shavuot. Since that holiday begins this year on Thursday evening, May 23, observant Jews will not be listening to the radio or watching television from then until Saturday night.

"The last week before the election is the most hectic," said Degel Hatorah's Abraham Ravitz. "During this period the secular parties will be working furiously, but we will not be able to reach our electorate. We will not be able to campaign, or react to anything that has happened."

In addition, he said, the reli-

## Three civilians to be investigated over document leaked to Netanyahu

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair** has ordered that three civilians be investigated in connection with the leak of a classified military document to Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu last June, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

State attorney Shai Nitzan also informed the court that the Military Police have already questioned 90 army employees on the matter, and have even administered lie detector tests. So far, however, the army has uncovered no leads to the person responsible, he said. If it is necessary to uncover this person, the police will even question Netanyahu, Nitzan added.

Nitzan was responding to a petition by MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), which demanded that Ben-Yair open a criminal investigation against both Netanyahu himself and whoever gave him the document. Netanyahu read portions of the document, which detailed concessions Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen Amnon Lipkin-Shahak had been ordered to offer his Syrian counterpart, to

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the Knesset plenum during a no-confidence motion in June.

The court recently ruled that Netanyahu could not be investigated, because his action was protected by his substantive immunity as an MK. However, it issued a show-cause order to the state on Cohen's request that other suspects in the affair be investigated.

In light of Nitzan's response, Cohen withdrew his petition. However, Nitzan noted that Ben-Yair had decided to investigate the affair even before the petition was filed.

**JEWISH Agency chairman Avraham Burg** last night announced that he was tightening control over the emissaries working in the CIS, following an investigation carried out at his request into the activities of the agency's team in Moscow.

The investigation was carried out by Dan Eldar, strategic adviser to the agency, and Zvi Ramot, Burg's aide, a few months ago "to ensure that the administrative structure of the CIS unit was filling the needs in the field," the agency spokesman said.

In their report back to Burg, they recommended a restructuring of the administrative network in the CIS, effectively putting it under the chairman's control. The scope of activity today in the CIS made it impractical to handle everything from Moscow, the re-

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## Beilin, Sarid opposed to new building in settlements just over Green Line

**MINISTERS Yossi Beilin and Yossi Sarid** yesterday both expressed opposition to building some 6,000 housing units in settlements just beyond the Green Line.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told settlement leaders that plans to build the units in Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Betar and Kiryat Sefer are to be discussed by the interministerial committee on settlements, scheduled to meet at the end of the month.

Aviv Shir-On, Beilin's spokesman, said Beilin is opposed to expanding the settlements now, even though he has come out in favor of retaining settlements in the Greater Jerusalem area as part of a settlement bloc.

Shir-On said that Beilin believes the future of the settlements should be determined in final status talks with the Palestinians, and that until then there should be no massive building in the territories beyond what is necessary for the normal growth of the settlements.

Sarid said that what has waited

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four years can wait another four months. "If Peres desires, after the elections, to form a coalition with the National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael, Shas and Tsomet, he can build in the settlements as much as he wants and thereby destroy the peace process with his own hands," Sarid said. "But if the present coalition will again form the government, the settlement era will be over, and the peace process will continue to grow stronger."

Ben-Eliezer, for his part, said "it is no secret that the government's stand, which will be our ultimate demand, is that as regards the Jerusalem areas - Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Betar and Gush Etzion - they will be an integral part of Israel's future map. There is no doubt about this."

Last April, Ben-Eliezer tried to bring similar plans to the interministerial committee on settlements, but because of both domestic and Palestinian opposition, the committee never met on the issue.

**Reb SHELDON K. BEREN** who passed away Monday, after enduring the suffering of a grave illness.

His coffin will arrive today, Wednesday, 24 Shvat, 5756, on TWA Flight 884, at 2:30 p.m. approximately. The funeral will set out at 3:30 p.m. today, from the Beren Kollel, 5 Rehov Press, Jerusalem.

**The mourning families:**  
 Beren, Werner, Feldberger, and Grossman

## FM: Iraq may rearm if sanctions eased

**MARILYN HENRY**  
 NEW YORK

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak expressed concern yesterday that easing international sanctions on Iraq could allow Baghdad to pursue weapons programs.

Israel does not oppose humanitarian aid to the Iraqi people, Barak said at the United Nations. However, the Iraqis "represent in their behavior, especially in regard to the non-conventional capabilities, a major threat to the future stability not only of the Middle East, but of the whole of the world order."

The UN should "make sure that Saddam Hussein would not reemerge as a nuclear phoenix from the ashes of his defeat in the Gulf War five years ago," Barak said on the last day of his visit to the US.

Iraq, which has been under UN sanctions since the invasion of Kuwait, has been discussing a plan that would allow Baghdad to sell \$2 billion worth of oil over six months to buy civilian supplies.

Barak conferred privately with the head of the UN special commission in charge of scrapping Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, Rolf Ekeus.

At a breakfast meeting with delegates representing Security Council members and some Arab states, Barak said there was slow, steady progress in the talks with Syria.

When asked if he foresaw UN monitors after an Israeli-Syrian agreement, the foreign minister said he hoped such monitors would not be necessary.

If Damascus and Jerusalem agreed to have observers, "our natural tendency would be to call on the Americans," a spokesman quoted Barak as saying. However, Barak added, it was premature to discuss the need for observers.

When Nabil Araby, the Egyptian envoy to the UN, asked about Israel's efforts toward a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region, Barak said other matters were more urgent. These included the implementation of the agreements with Jordan and the Palestinians and the talks with Syria.

Asked how the UN could assist the peace process, Barak said the UN had a role in providing economic and humanitarian aid, and in generating support for the process. But, he said, the issues must be dealt with in bilateral talks between the parties.

**Reuter adds:**  
 The Security Council hopes to adopt a resolution this week approving a system to ensure Iraq does not reacquire forbidden weapons once sanctions against it are lifted, council sources said.

The so-called export-import mechanism was called for under Council Resolution 715 of 1991 dealing with long-term monitoring of Iraq's weapons potential.

Council action on the mechanism does not mean sanctions imposed on Iraq shortly after its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait are about to be lifted.

The purpose of the export-import mechanism is to monitor any so-called dual-use imports by Iraq which, apart from having a civilian use, might be diverted for forbidden weapons programs.

## Burg tightens control over emissaries to CIS

**BATSHEVA TSUR**

The new structure should consist of four delegations, each with a separate head - in Russia, the Ukraine, Central Asia and the Caucasus, the report said. The four heads would all be directly responsible to the director-general of the agency in Jerusalem, who is responsible to the chairman.

The report also stated that the CIS unit had not satisfactorily collected, collated, and disseminated information among decision-makers in the national institutions or to the emissaries.

It likewise recommended that emissaries be sent periodically from Israel to the CIS rather than maintaining a large delegation of emissaries in the CIS. Today there are 66 emissaries throughout the former Soviet Union.

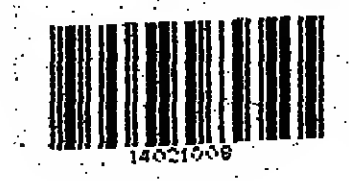
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# Peres: Syria should get its water from Turkey

A SOLUTION to the water dispute between Israel and Syria would be for Syria to get its water from Turkey, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

Peres, who kicked off his election campaign yesterday under heavy security with a visit to Netanya, said Israel will not give up its northern water sources in an agreement with Syria.

"Without solving the water problems we won't agree to any settlement. That's self evident. We have only two lakes altogether. One of them is dead - the Dead Sea - and I am not going to endanger the life of the other one," Peres told 12th graders at the town's cultural center.

One possible solution, Peres said, is that "Syria get its water

MICHAL YUDELMAN

from Turkey and we keep all the water sources at our disposal today."

Asked why the government is continuing negotiations with those who want to turn Jerusalem into their capital, Peres said he has no interest in discussing Jerusalem at this time.

"There is something so hysterical in the issue of Jerusalem. There's no need for hysteria. Jerusalem is by law under Israeli sovereignty. Some people are trying to split the nation in the name of a united Jerusalem. Jerusalem is not only united, it is also a uniting factor. Why must they create an impression throughout the world that we're divided? I

don't know a single person who is ready to divide Jerusalem in two," he said.

For security reasons, the pupils were brought to the hall more than two hours before Peres' arrival and were carefully examined by electronic devices. The pupils were only allowed to rest rooms with a security guard escort.

Peres finally arrived, tightly surrounded by guards.

He refused to say whether his life is still being threatened, but said "apparently there are still small groups who may take violent action and one must take precautions. I have no choice. Something happened - a murder - and I must abide by the security men's instructions."



Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani and a supporter arrive at yesterday's inauguration of the Third Way as a political party. (Hanoah Grizisky/Israel Sun)

## Third Way officially declares itself a party

SARAH HONIG

THE Third Way will not let the Labor Party and Prime Minister Shimon Peres "sweep the Golan issue under the rug" and it will not endorse a prime ministerial candidate, the movement's leaders declared yesterday.

They spoke at a special festive session of the Third Way council, at which the Third Way was officially proclaimed a political party.

The new party's leader MK Avigdor Kahalani, until yesterday of Labor, noted that "Peres had promised to hold a referendum on the Golan after the elections. This is a devious move, a ploy to sweep the issue under the rug, to push the subject of the Golan off the national agenda and thereby lull the voters so that they will not realize that these elections are intended to give Peres the green light to return

every last square centimeter of the Golan to the Syrian dictatorship."

"Unfortunately for Peres, we have no intention of playing his game and we will highlight the Golan issue and bring it to the fore."

Third Way cofounder Yehuda Harel, who is likely to receive the second slot on its Knesset list, argues that "the referendum red herring was specifically conceived in order to undermine the Third Way's main campaign theme. Peres did not even see fit to make his referendum offer in a public speech, as Rabin did, but in a talk with reporters aboard an airplane. This is no undertaking which can be trusted, which is why we will dedicate our entire campaign to frustrating Peres's

effort to pull the wool over this nation's eyes."

"If the Third Way wins anything less than 10 Knesset seats it will be a failure," he concluded.

Kahalani put it differently: "Our aim is to make sure that no government can be put together without us. We will prevent Peres from ceding the Golan and we will convince Bibi to stay out of Arab population centers. For this reason, we will not endorse either candidate for prime minister."

Former police minister and Knesset speaker Shlomo Hillel (Labor) attended the meeting. Though a known hawk, Hillel would not disclose whether he plans to leave the Labor Party.

President Ezer Weizman declined an invitation due to the proximity of the campaign season.

## Ethiopian leader: Fire those involved in blood flap

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Ethiopian immigrants would like to see those responsible for the blood fiasco dismissed from their posts, a community leader said yesterday as Prime Minister Shimon Peres announced the names of those appointed to the commission of inquiry into the issue.

The commission, headed by Israel's fifth president Yitzhak Navon, will include legal and medical experts and public figures as well as two prominent members of the Ethiopian Jewish community.

Peres had promised that such a commission would be appointed when he met with community leaders during the demonstration two weeks ago in Jerusalem over the disposal of all blood donations from Ethiopian-born donors.

"We want to see those responsible for the fiasco fired and, if necessary, brought to trial," Adisu Messala, head of the Unified Ethiopian Immigrants' Association, said yesterday.

Messala, who was appointed a member of the commission of inquiry, said the community would not be satisfied if the commission merely dealt with the blood issue.

"We would also like the prime minister to extend the mandate of the commission to look into the religious status of the community. It is high time the rabbinate recognized us as completely Jewish," Messala said. "If the medical experts are replaced by religious experts and the commission lends its backing on this issue to Peres, perhaps the chief rabbis will finally do something about this."

He expressed satisfaction with the resolutions of the aliya cabinet, which met last week with Peres, on the other issues such as education and synagogues which had bothered the community.

Meanwhile, Messala has denied any connection between the demonstration and the Labor Party primaries in which he is a candidate.

## Only registered parties allowed to run for Knesset

EVELYN GORDON

GROUPS which want to run for the Knesset will have to formally register as parties, but the timetable for doing so will be shortened to enable groups such as The Third Way and David Levy's movement to complete the process before the coming elections, the Knesset Law Committee decided yesterday.

In another development, the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday decided that civil servants who are running in the primaries will be allowed to campaign. However, anyone running will have to take a leave of absence from his job.

All civil servants who are not candidates are forbidden to aid the campaigners in any way. In addition, candidates may not use government property in any way to further their campaigns and high-level civil servants who are running in the general elections must normally resign from their posts 100 days before the general election.

Due to this year's short campaign season, however, the Law Committee yesterday approved a bill for first reading which would make the deadline for resigning April 1.

The Law Committee's decision on new parties was an effort to resolve a contradiction in the current elections law, which says in one place that only a party can run for Knesset, and in another

that any movement which collects 1,500 signatures can run. This loophole was exploited by many groups which preferred not to register as parties in order to avoid the restrictions on campaign financing to which registered parties are subject.

The committee agreed by consensus that anyone running for Knesset should be subject to the party funding laws and therefore only registered parties will be allowed to run. Parties which are not already represented in the Knesset will, in addition, be required to submit 1,500 voter signatures.

However, getting registered as a party is a lengthy process. From the moment the party's request is submitted, the party registrar has 14 days to publicize the request. The public then has 30 days to submit objections, after which the registrar has another 30 days to decide. Anyone who objects can then challenge the registrar's decision in court.

"We have here a serious obstacle to [would-be parties'] ability to run," said committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

The committee will therefore try to finish a bill to shorten this timetable today, he said. The bill will also forbid new parties to make use of previously received donations after they are regis-

tered, if these donations would have been illegal had they already been parties.

The bill will also state that candidates for prime minister must be members of registered parties. Such candidates must also either be part of an existing Knesset faction with at least 10 members or collect 50,000 signatures to back their bid.

The committee also approved two other bills for first reading yesterday. One requires policemen and prison guards to resign by April 1 if they wish to run for Knesset - something which army officers, senior civil servants, judges, and members of the state rabbinate must already do. These groups are all required to resign because they are in positions of public trust where politicization would be improper.

The second bill says that dual citizens will have to give up their foreign citizenship only if they are actually elected to the Knesset, instead of in order to run.

Finally, the plenum yesterday approved a bill in first reading which would require ballot boxes to be stationed in hospitals so that patients could vote and which would allow anyone who has turned 18 by election day to vote. Currently, only those who have turned 18 by the 15th of Av prior to election day can vote - a difference of almost a year, since Av is usually in July or August.

## One dead, 16 injured on roads

ONE person was killed and 16 injured in road accidents around the country yesterday.

An 18-month-old boy, Imran Hatib, was hit by a car and killed while playing in his yard in Majd el-Kunum, near Karmiel. The driver, his 19-year-old uncle who reversed the car into the yard, was detained for questioning.

In Ashkelon, two people were seriously injured and three were lightly hurt when two cars collided on Sderot Gan Havradim.

Five people were injured, one moderately and the rest lightly, in an accident on the Coastal Highway's Netanya exit.

Near Modi'in, a taxi driver was seriously injured and another driver suffered moderate injuries when their vehicles crashed head-on.

Four people were injured when two cars collided on the Wadi Ara road near Umm el-Fahm. Police said one car apparently went through a red light.

## Sharansky party already claims 30,000 members

BATSHEVA TSUR

AMONG the 30,000 people who have so far joined the new immigrants' Yisrael Ba'aliya Party are olim from the US, Canada, Ethiopia and Argentina, as well as sabras, party leader Natan Sharansky said yesterday.

"I hope that when the party elections are held some of the immigrants from non-Russian speaking countries will make it onto the list," Sharansky said. But he noted that there were no pre-arranged places on the list for non-Russian speakers.

"It's true that the overwhelming number of members are from the CIS - and that gives them an advantage when it comes to voting for candidates - but we have already had meetings in private homes that have been conducted in English and our two large conventions had simultaneous translations into both Hebrew and English."

He said the party's main concern was to "put Zionism rather than security in the center of the map... We have to make the country attractive to Jews from all over the world, to create economic possibilities for them and

to provide education on a high level as they are used to," he said.

On diplomatic policy, Sharansky said his party favored "peace with a strong security base. It is important to ensure that the first stage is fulfilled before going on to the next when negotiating," he said.

Asked in which way this policy differed from that of the Likud, Sharansky said: "We are often asked how we differ from Labor. We believe that the depth of our concessions should be proportionate to the depth of the democracy" in the country with which we are negotiating. "I prefer a democratic regime which can't stand up to a dictator who loves us," he added.

He said members of the party would be free to choose between Shimon Peres and Binyamin Netanyahu for prime minister. The party's aim is to gain enough power to change the order of priorities of the government. "We want to bring another one million Jews here, to create a new dimension: building the people of Israel."

## Likud fails to entice Levy, Magen to return

SARAH HONIG

FEELERS to woo MKs David Levy and David Magen back to the Likud were rebuffed yesterday, though Likud MK Ovadia Eli maintains that the "door has not been completely shut."

Eli, who has frequently protested that the Likud should have done more before to keep Levy from bolting, took Likud Knesset

faction chairman Moshe Katzav with him yesterday ostensibly for a birthday call on Levy's brother and confidant, Lod Mayor Maxim Levy.

They were received in his office, two days after the younger Levy celebrated his 46th birth-

day, exchanged a few pleasantries but were quickly told by Levy that the Tsomet model of teaming up with the Likud will not work in Levy's case.

"Ovadia Eli should have come to us five months ago. He should have prevented the process which resulted in our leaving the party. Offering the second slot now to David is too late. We are launching a party and are on our way. We are not interested in reentering the Likud. We plan to announce the birth of our party in a few days," he said.

Magen, who left the Likud more recently and teamed up with Levy, argued that "a meeting of old friends to discuss the weather, birthdays and space-ships is not grounds for a media hullabaloo. Nothing is happening. We are not going back to the Likud."

Eli, however, argued that "there is a chance, especially as Tsomet has said it would give up Rafael Eitan's second slot on the joint list if Levy were to come back."

Some in the Likud say Levy is deliberately playing hard to get, realizing that with the prime-ministerial campaign heating up and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu still trailing in the polls, the Likud is afraid to lose even a few percentage points to Levy's own hopeless prime ministerial campaign. Though Levy has no chance of winning, he can cut enough into Netanyahu's support to cause him to lose on the first round.

It is believed this will result in pressure on Levy to remove his name from the prime ministerial ballot, so as not to hamper the national camp's chances.

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**JNF and Druse dedicate forest**

In the first joint project between the JNF and the Druse, a forest named after the late Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif was dedicated yesterday at Ahlud in the Galilee.

The 300-dunam forest is near Julis, the village where Tarif was born in 1898 and where he is buried. The NIS 250,000 project was initiated by a public committee led by former president Yitzhak Navon and composed of leaders of the Druse community and local council heads.

David Rudge

**Cohen joins call for 'fair campaign'**

Coalition and Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen yesterday became the latest MK to suggest a covenant of principles that would ensure fair election campaigns. The first one was prepared by Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan before Yitzhak Rabin's assassination and was heeded when read in the plenum in October. A joint covenant by Eitan and several MKs, mainly from Labor, was prepared after the assassination. On Monday, both Rafael Eitan and Michael Eitan (Likud) called for a covenant of ethical behavior for the election period.

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Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert meets yesterday with US Senator John Kyle (Rep.), who initiated legislation moving the US Embassy to this capital.

# Single women granted right to ovum donations

## Ova ban to be lifted when surrogate mother bill is passed

JUDY SIEGEL

THE ban on ovum donations to single women will be canceled when the surrogate mother bill is soon passed, the Health Ministry said yesterday.

On Monday, the Israel Women's Network demanded that the ministry halt its "discrimination" against infertile unmarried women that prevents them from becoming mothers.

The group noted that a married woman may receive donated ova if she is to be fertilized with her husband's sperm. The group's legal adviser, Rahel Ben-Zimran, said: "We are aware of the fact that the ministry's policy is based on the view that donations of both sperm and egg should not be allowed. There is no legal or ethical justification for this and it violates the rights of women and their partners. In the relevant cases, to become parents, it would

certainly not stand the test of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom."

The network took its position after receiving a complaint from a 46-year-old woman who wanted to have a baby. "She was turned down on the grounds that according to regulations, she cannot receive an ovum."

Prof. Joseph Schenker, head of the gynecology/obstetrics department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem (and chairman of the ethics committee of the World Gynecology Federation) said the network's claims were not accurate.

"According to existing regulations, married women and those with 'recognized' live-in partners may receive the donation of either sperm or an ovum. Completely

single or divorced women without a partner may receive a sperm or ovum donation if they pass a professional assessment by a social worker and/or a psychiatrist."

The Health Ministry, unable to defend its legal position before the High Court of Justice a few days ago, announced that single women could get a sperm donation without a psychiatrist's assessment.

Schenker, who was a member of the Aloni Commission on surrogate motherhood that served as the basis for the surrogacy bill, said that only a few countries around the world allow in vitro fertilization for a woman who has no genetic connection to the resulting fetus and no partner who has donated sperm.

Exceptions are Thailand, India and a handful of US states.

# Tnuva draws public ire over cheese for cutlery deal

JUDY SIEGEL

TNUVA'S efforts to win favor with the public after its silicone-milk scandal have temporarily backfired, as thousands of people promised free cutlery in exchange for cheese-containing seals have been disappointed at post offices where the supply quickly ran out.

Less than three weeks into the two-month gift campaign, many post offices had to tell collectors to try their luck at another branch. Other customers filled out forms and were told they would be called when the supply was renewed.

"We planned the campaign months before the silicone scandal," said Shmuel Algrabi,

spokesman for Tnuva's executive board. "We had ordered 20,000 to 30,000 of the 16-piece stainless steel cutlery sets from the Radad company in Dimona, and had expected to need 3,500 more per week. But the demand was overwhelming."

Algrabi said that everyone who collects 18 seals from the 1/2%, 5% and 9% regular white cheese will get the set if presented at a post office by the end of March. Those who filled out a form will be informed by telephone when they can pick their gift up. The cutlery shortage should begin to ease in several days.

# US support for MDA unchanged

JUDY SIEGEL

AMERICAN Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI) has denied rumors that it was threatening to end its support to Magen David Adom because of the Ethiopian blood controversy.

ARMDI president Robert Sadoff, whose organization has donated nearly \$150 million to the Israeli blood supply and ambulance organization, said Monday it would "continue to assist MDA in any case."

Sadoff said that "from a professional standpoint, MDA blood

services director Dr. Amnon Ben-David acted correctly by following the decision made in the 1980s by the Health Ministry and the MDA executive committee" not to use blood taken from Ethiopian immigrants because of the much higher risk of HIV.

Despite the "sound medical" basis for the policy, Sadoff called it a "public relations failure" for not previously informing the

Ethiopian community.

In the past few weeks, *Ha'aretz* reported that ARMDI had demanded that Ben-David be dismissed or at least suspended. *Ma'ariv* claimed ARMDI was shocked by the "policy of lies established by Ben-David"; and *Yedioth Aharonot* quoted ARMDI as saying that if Ben-David weren't suspended, it wouldn't be able to raise a "cent" for MDA. However, Sadoff denied all of these reports, saying they were misrepresentations by the Israeli press.

# State appeals sentences of boys who gang-raped girl

EVELYN GORDON

THE state yesterday appealed the light sentences given to seven boys who gang-raped a 14-year-old girl in Kiryat Tivon in 1993.

Three of the seven were sentenced without being convicted. The state therefore also appealed the failure to convict these three, saying the facts determined by the Haifa District Court should have been enough to convict them.

The three who were not convicted were sentenced to probation and 200 hours public service. The other four received sentences ranging from six months' public service to a year in prison. Deputy state attorney Rahel Sucar argued that these sentences were not nearly harsh enough to deter other boys from similar behavior.

The district court, Sucar argued,

**Shots fired at Jerusalem school**  
BILL HUTMAN

SHOTS were fired from the direction of the Jerusalem Arab neighborhood of Dahiyat El-Barid into an elementary school in the adjacent Jewish neighborhood of Neveh Ya'acov yesterday, breaking a window in a second grade classroom, but causing no injuries. The late morning shooting sent the school, the Kaminitz Talmud Torah, into an uproar. Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit also rushed to the scene to oversee the investigation into the shooting firsthand. The initial inquiry, however, turned up little. A police spokeswoman said Palestinian terrorists may have been involved.

placed too much weight on the boys' youth. Many boys that age are tempted to treat girls as objects for the satisfaction of their desires, she said, so such boys must be made to see that their youth will not protect them from the consequences of their crime.

While the district court is correct that the educational system should take the lead in combatting such behavior, the courts also have a role to play, Sucar said, and the lower court neglected this role in issuing such light sentences.

Finally, Sucar argued, the light sentences completely ignore the grave damage that was done to the victim, who was also no more than a teenager. After suffering such a vicious experience, she should at least have the comfort of knowing that her abusers will pay for their crimes, Sucar said. Otherwise, the "damage might never heal."

# Parties in Mt. Meron road dispute will try to reach deal

EVELYN GORDON

THE various parties to a dispute over construction of an agricultural road in Beit Jann, which runs right through the Mount Meron nature reserve, will attempt to reach an agreement among themselves within the next two months, the parties told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The court was hearing two petitions by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), against three different agreements reached between Beit Jann and the Nature Reserves Authority (NRA) in the late 1980s to permit the building of the road.

SPNI canceled the first petition, from 1987, after the state announced yesterday that it did not intend to implement any of the three agreements, since in August, the government transferred responsibility for the country's nature reserves from the Agriculture Ministry to the Environment Ministry, and this latter ministry might have a different policy. The NRA also

promised that if it succeeds in reaching a new agreement, it will send a draft over to the SPNI before it is signed to give the latter a chance to voice any objections.

As a result, the eight-year-old interim injunctions issued in response to this petition, which prevented the villagers from using the road in question, were also canceled. An additional injunction issued in response to SPNI's second petition, in 1995, is still in force.

However, Beit Jann's attorney, Dror Hoter-Yishai, said this injunction does not specifically bar the villagers from using the road. Instead, it bars them from taking any illegal action, and the villagers claim there is nothing illegal in their using or even widening the road, Hoter-Yishai said.

The villagers claim that the land on which the road is built is their own, and not part of the nature reserve.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Two rapists get 18-month prison terms

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday sentenced two men, 18 and 19, to 18 months' imprisonment and 18 months suspended for sodomizing and extorting money from two girls, aged 13 and 15, in August 1994. Though they had been minors at the time of the crimes, the judge tried them as adults, saying their actions were considered those of adults.

### Gov't ordered to compensate blind twins

The Health Ministry has been ordered to pay NIS 2.6 million in damages to twins who were born premature and became permanently blind after being given oxygen in an incubator at Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital. The Haifa District Court worked out a compromise agreement in which neither the hospital nor the Health Ministry recognized that malpractice had led to the children's blindness, but still offered the compensation.

### Gifted children's test

A special test to identify gifted children of new immigrants and returning Israelis will be offered by the Education Ministry on February 18 in Kfar Sava and on February 21 in Beersheba for children from throughout the country. For further information, contact the Office for Gifted Education, Devorah Haneviah 2, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-292-9723. Fax: 02-292-974.

### Holon building fee illegal

The High Court of Justice ruled yesterday that a special building fee the Holon Municipality requires from contractors who want to build in the city is illegal. The court ordered the municipality to allow the Ilanot Kirya company to build its project without paying the fee, which the city calls the "public building fee."

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# Zairean troops close off refugee camp

**KIBUMBA CAMP, Zaire (AP)** - Troops closed off the second-largest Rwandan refugee camp in eastern Zaire yesterday to hasten the return home of the 189,000 people who have been living there for 1 1/2 years.

Spacing themselves 100 meters along a major road that borders Kibumba Camp, the troops told the refugees they could no longer come and go from the camp and that it would be closed. Refugees nervously watched the troops from their huts.

Peter Kessler, spokesman for the UN High Commission for Refugees, said so far the soldiers had behaved well, adding he hoped "this will kick off more voluntary repatriations."

Early on the first day of the operation, regular Zairean troops joined a UN-paid special contingent inside the camps, going hut-to-hut telling refugees to go home. But those operations were stopped after UN representatives complained to Zairean officials. Now, only the UN-paid Zairean soldiers are allowed in the camps to conduct normal policing.

An estimated 1.7 million Rwandans, nearly all from the majority Hutu ethnic group, fled to neighboring Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi in 1994 after extremists in the then Hutu-dominated government systematically massacred more than half a million people.

# British, Irish insist IRA renounce violence

**LONDON (Reuters)** - British and Irish leaders promised to try to salvage the tattered Northern Ireland peace process but insisted that before talks can move forward the IRA must reinstate the 17-month ceasefire it ended with a bomb in London.

Friday's Irish Republican Army bomb that killed two people and caused damage estimated at 150 million pounds (NIS 690 million) left the peace process as shattered as the dozen high-rise buildings it destroyed in the capital's Docklands financial district.

British Prime Minister John Major, said in a speech to the nation that the IRA and its political wing Sinn Fein must renounce violence. "Only when they commit themselves unequivocally to peace, and reinstate the ceasefire, can they have a voice and a stake in Northern Ireland's future," he said.

"The IRA will never bomb their way to the negotiating table. Until their violence genuinely ends, British and Irish ministers will not meet Sinn Fein."

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, who criticized Major during the weekend for his insistence that an elected forum in Northern Ireland was the best way forward, agreed that only an end to the killing will open all the doors.



Spc. Michael Harris holds his rifle in the air as a US Army helicopter prepares to land near Memici southeast of Tuzla yesterday. Harris was one of a number of soldiers signalling an exact spot for the helicopter to land as the area is still littered with mines. (Reuters)

# US, Russia disagree over Bosnian war crimes issue

**SARAJEVO (Reuters)** - United States envoy Richard Holbrooke pushed for cooperation with the UN war crimes tribunal yesterday but Russia said the extradition of two Bosnian Serb army officers could wreck the peace process.

UN tribunal prosecutors began questioning two Serb army officers on suspicion of alleged atrocities a day after they were flown to The Hague by NATO's peace Implementation Force (IFOR) - the first suspects to be extradited from former Yugoslavia.

The deportation of General Djordje Djukic and Colonel Aleksa Krstanovic to a Dutch jail coincided with a campaign by Holbrooke demanding Balkan leaders comply with the tribunal's work.

In the Hague, war crimes prosecutors could decide within weeks whether to indict or release the two Bosnian Serb officers now in a Dutch jail, the UN tribunal said yesterday.

Tribunal spokesman Christian Chattert stressed the two men were suspects and had not yet

been indicted by the tribunal. They will be held in custody "until such a time that the prosecution office has decided whether to indict them or release them," said Chattert.

"There will be no questioning of the accused without the presence of their counsel," Chattert said. Holbrooke, main architect of the Dayton peace treaty, insisted warring sides had no chance of avoiding obligations to the tribunal under the peace deal.

"It was non-negotiable before Dayton, it was non-negotiable after Dayton and it's non-negotiable now," Holbrooke told reporters.

The US diplomat ended his tour of former Yugoslavia in Croatia yesterday, saying he had won pledges from the former warring sides to abide by the peace deal signed in December.

Bosnian Serb authorities have denounced the detention and extradition of the Serb officers, boycotting post-war talks with the Muslim-Croat federation.

The Bosnian Serbs confirmed yesterday they would not be

attending arms control talks this week in Vienna as part of their suspension of contacts with the federation.

Russia, which has often supported the Serb position, criticized the extradition of the Serb officers as a risky move that jeopardised the fragile peace. Interfax news agency said.

"These are dangerous actions which may destroy the situation there and push one of the sides towards disproportionate actions," a Moscow foreign ministry official was quoted as saying.

NATO, acting on a request from the Hague tribunal, made a C-130 transport plane available to ferry the two officers from Sarajevo to the Netherlands.

The Hague tribunal has custody of just one other suspect - Serb camp guard Dusan Tadic, who was arrested in Germany.

The UN tribunal said it would decide soon whether to indict the two officers.

"There's no time limit. But it must be clear that in the past the

prosecution office has shown that it was acting quite expeditiously," said tribunal spokesman Christian Chattert.

After the Bosnian government captured the two officers, Serb military commander Ratko Mladic - himself indicted for alleged war crimes - ordered the Bosnian Serb military to break off contact with NATO forces last week.

A NATO spokesman said IFOR's relations with the Serbs were "still spotty" due to the dispute over the officers. But Colonel John Kirkwood said IFOR still had contacts with civilian leaders and lower-ranking members of the military.

Under NATO policy, IFOR troops had the authority but not the obligation to detain indicted war criminals, allied officers said.

During his trip to former Yugoslavia, Holbrooke worked out rules for the treatment of suspected war criminals in Bosnia in an effort to lower tensions that had posed a threat to the peace process.

# Republican Party race shifts to New Hampshire

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DES MOINES, IOWA

IOWA was a victory for Sen. Bob Dole, but a nerve-wracking victory.

The Republican deemed front-runner posted just 26 percent for his win here. And New Hampshire votes next, the state that killed Dole's hopes in 1988 and created conservative commentator Pat Buchanan in 1992 as a political force.

"The Iowa caucuses are not about delegates, they're about momentum," said Dennis Goldford, a political science professor at Drake University here. "Dole's got a real fight on his hands. He does not have a good history in New Hampshire."

There was some good news in Iowa for Dole: he was able to nudge aside the two rivals once believed to be his strongest opponents, multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm.

The results of the Iowa caucuses shook up the Republican race to deny President Bill Clinton, unopposed among fellow Democrats, a second term in the November 5, 1996 elections.

Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, buoyed by the Christian right, finished a strong second in the Iowa poll, trailed by moderate Lamar Alexander, whose showing was stronger than had been expected by analysts. Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes edged Senator Phil Gramm for fourth.

With almost all votes counted, Dole led with 26 percent. Buchanan topped all predictions with 23 percent. Alexander, the former Tennessee governor, breathed life into his campaign with 18 percent and third place. Forbes garnered only 10 percent despite spending millions.

Some analysts regarded the outcome as a setback for Dole, who

had sought a wider margin of victory in Iowa, a farming state near his native Kansas.

Dole, 72, is making his third run for the presidency. He failed to appear yesterday on any of the early morning network news programs. Asked why he did not accept the programs' interview requests, the Dole campaign did not immediately reply. Dole was kicking off his campaign yesterday with a speech to the New Hampshire state legislature in Concord.

Buchanan, Alexander and Forbes, by contrast, each appeared on television to put the best possible spin on their showing in the voting, where much more was at stake than Iowa's meagre 25 delegates to the 1996 delegate party nominating convention in San Diego, California, in August.

The real prize was on the aura of momentum that each candidate sought to carry into New Hampshire and beyond, where Dole's presidential hopes were derailed in his last presidential run eight years ago.

Buchanan said yesterday that his strong second place showing in the Iowa caucuses showed the Republican party wanted an "outsider" with a new vision for its drive to regain the White House.

"It doesn't want the politics of yesterday," Buchanan said on NBC's "Today" program. "It wants a vision of tomorrow. And with due respect to my friend Bob Dole, he doesn't offer that vision. He offers simply 'I'm not Bill Clinton'."

Dole, in his victory speech said: "Tonight was the first big step on our road to return conservative commonsense to the White House. I hope we'll celebrate another victory and another victory and another victory."

# 'No more Nazi war crimes trials'

**FRANKFURT (AP)** - The last Nazi war crimes trial in Germany has probably already taken place because remaining suspects may be too old or sick to face prosecution, the man responsible for bringing them to justice said yesterday.

There are four elderly Germans who have been charged with Nazi war crimes, but have not been brought to trial in local courts, said Alfred Streim, the chief prosecutor who heads the Ludwigsburg-based Documentation Center on Nazi crimes.

"The charges were filed some time ago, but dates for trial have not been set," Streim said in a telephone interview. "Presumably the suspects are too old and they (local prosecutors) are waiting to see if their health condition improves or not."

Asked to identify the four, Streim said "The names I can't say. Ages are about 80 plus or minus." The charges include such crimes as mistreatment of concentration camp inmates resulting in deaths.

Michel Friedman, a leading member of Germany's Central Council of Jews, said the fact a suspect is very old does not justify dropping prosecution.

"The fact that someone is 80 is

for me not grounds not to pursue the charges. When an 80-year-old today kills someone, he is charged," said Friedman, an attorney.

A trial must "be carried out according to legal principles," he said. "That means that if someone is sick, then a court should decide if he is unable to stand trial."

Friedman also blamed justice authorities for being slow to pursue investigations in Germany.

But he said all officials did not feel the same about pursuit of justice against Nazi criminals.

"There were many who were happy there were no trials," Friedman said. "There were many who would be happy if there were no trials today. But there were also a couple of conscientious ones."

"I can only insist and anticipate that the criminal cases will be pursued according to all constitutional principles as long as the criminals are capable of standing trial," Friedman added.

Prosecutor Streim said that majority of Nazi war crimes were committed in 1942 and 1943, and the perpetrators at the time averaged 35 years old. In the more than half-century since then, they have become "old and senile," and more the concern of doctors than the courts, Streim said.

# 'Braveheart' leads parade of Oscar nominees

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)** - *Braveheart*, actor-director Mel Gibson's battlefield epic, captured a leading 10 Academy Award nominations yesterday, including best picture.

The other best picture nominations were *Apollo 13*, *Babe*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and Italy's *The Postman*. The nomination for *The Postman* was the first foreign-language selection in the top category since *Cries and Whispers* in 1973.

A best picture nomination gives movies a persuasive stamp of approval - a seal that historically translates into ticket sales.

Massimo Troisi was nominated for best actor in *The Postman*, the first posthumous

lead acting selection in 20 years. The actor, who died at age 41 12 hours after filming ended, also shared a screenwriting credit with four co-writers of the movie.

Also nominated for best actor were Nicolas Cage in *Leaving Las Vegas*, Richard Dreyfuss in *Mr. Holland's Opus*, Anthony Hopkins in *Nixon* and Sean Penn in *Dead Man Walking*.

Emma Thompson was nominated for best actress for *Sense and Sensibility*, and also was nominated for writing the film's script - an Oscar first for an actress. She faces Susan Sarandon in *Dead Man Walking*, Elisabeth Shue in *Leaving Las Vegas*, Sharon Stone in *Casino* and Meryl Streep in *The Bridges of Madison County*.

Nominees for foreign language film were the Netherlands' *Antonia's Line*, Sweden's *All Things Fair*, Algeria's *Dust of Life*, Brazil's *O Quatrilho* and Italy's *The Star Maker*. Among films with multiple nominations, *Apollo 13* collected nine, and *Babe* and *Sense and Sensibility* each earned seven.

Even though *Leaving Las Vegas* was not picked for best picture, as was widely expected, director Mike Figgis was nominated for best director. He faces Gibson, *Babe's* Chris Noonan, *The Postman's* Michael Radford and actor Tim Robbins, who directed *Dead Man Walking*.

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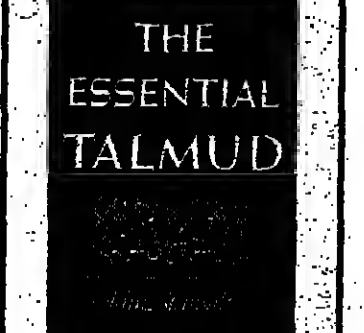
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Arab League intervenes in water dispute

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THE Arab League has urged Turkey to resolve peacefully a dispute with Iraq and Syria over diminishing water shares of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, an Arab League official said this week.

Syria and Iraq, which are long-time enemies, have put aside their differences and opened a meeting in Damascus to work out a strategy to counter a huge Turkish headwaters project on the two rivers.

The two rivers rise in Turkey. The Euphrates flows into Syria and then into Iraq, where it joins the Tigris to form Shatt al-Arab, which flows into the Gulf.

The multi-billion-dollar development project in southern Turkey includes the construction of 22 dams and 19 hydroelectric stations to harness the two rivers.

Diplomats said they did not expect the meeting to lead to a radical change in relations between Iraq and Syria, who severed diplomatic ties in 1980.

At the water talks, Syrian and Iraqi officials renewed accusations that Turkey polluted the water of the Euphrates and the Tigris and urged Ankara to sign a permanent deal for a fair and just sharing of the waters.

Syria and Iraq fear that Turkey could one day shut off the taps, as it did in 1989 for a whole month to fill the giant Ataturk Dam with Euphrates water.

"I took the initiative when [the dispute] reached this stage between two Arab countries and Turkey, which is a friendly country," Arab League Secretary-General Esmeil Abdel Meguid said.

Abdel Meguid said he informed Turkish officials of the two Arab countries' willingness to discuss the issue, but had not received a response.

"The meeting by itself is a sign of some kind of better climate in Syrian-Iraqi ties, but I do not expect any radical policy change in relations at present," said one Damascus-based Arab diplomat.

Morocco buffeted by rights row

Moroccan human rights groups and lawyers this week added their voices to a chorus of condemnation of the government's campaign against smuggling, accusing authorities of abuse of power and police brutality.

The country's biggest human rights group, the Organisation Marocaine des Droits de l'Homme (OMDH), said in a statement that it had documented several complaints of abuse against suspects in police custody.

"Police investigations must be conducted with respect for the physical integrity and dignity of those being interrogated," the OMDH said in a statement. "Trials must be conducted with strict respect for the right to defense."

A Casablanca-based group of lawyers issued a separate statement demanding strict application of the law.

"Lawyers have been denied the rights to free contact with their clients, conditions for fair trials have not been met," the group said. (Reuters)

Farrakhan hails Iranian revolution

Iranians took to the streets this week to celebrate the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic revolution against the shah and reaffirm allegiance to the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's strict guidelines.

Tens of thousands marched from five points in Teheran to rally at the city's Azadi ("Freedom") Square, waving flags and bearing portraits of Khomeini and his successor, spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Witnesses said security appeared tighter than in previous years.

Visiting American Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, the main foreign guest, hailed the revolution and said: "Iran is now in the vanguard of an Islamic revolution that is sweeping the earth."

Farrakhan described himself as "your Moslem brother from the United States of America." His speech in English was broadcast on Teheran radio and a Persian translation was relayed over loudspeakers to people on the streets. (Reuters)

US seen sending feelers to Iraq via Cairo

ANALYSIS PINHAS INBARI

In late 1989, a business delegation from Texas - headed by Republican activist Bob Aboud, who supposedly was close to the Bush administration - arrived in Baghdad scouting for business opportunities.

The delegation met Saddam Hussein, but the venture faltered after the Gulf states put pressure on Washington. Half a year later, Iraq invaded Kuwait.

One reason Iraq resisted UN conditions was its fear that the US would use autonomous relief channels inside Iraq as a Trojan horse to contact opposition elements and encourage a revolt against Saddam Hussein.

The change of mind appears to have come as the plight of ordinary Iraqis has reached levels that the regime can no longer ignore. There are people within the regime, like

of the population. Until recently, Iraq claimed that proposed UN conditions abused its sovereignty. It refused to accept UN demands that oil revenues would go directly to the needy and bypass the government.

Although negotiations between Iraq and the UN are still under way, the mere fact that Iraq has accepted the UN terms is an important turning point in its relations with the outside world.

If what is reported about the new American approach to Iraq is correct, it may be considered the start of a new policy.

This is not unrelated to US disappointment at the Syrian track in the peace process. It also stems from pressure by oil companies; they do not want to lose the Iraqi oil option to political considerations.

This is not the first time American oil companies have tried to change US policy on Iraq.

Saddam's deputy Tareq Aziz, who argue it is time to try reconciling with the US. Their positions may have improved and Washington wants to test them in the economic field.

But the Iraqi regime's suspicion that the oil deal under UN conditions is directed at the "Iraqi people," not the "Iraqi government," is well founded.

Pelletreau's effort to open a channel from Cairo to Baghdad coincides with deteriorating Jordan-Iraq relations as King Hussein has moved closer to Saddam's opponents. Jordan has evolved a new policy advocating a confederate model for Iraq, and revived Hashemite aspirations in the Sunni part of Iraq.

This Jordanian policy was received with deep concern in Cairo and Damascus, where the unity of Iraq is strongly supported.

Syria does so because of its alarm at the possibility of a Kurdish state - a threat to

the integrity of Syria itself. The disappearance of Iraq as a standby military ally on the eastern front against Israel would also weaken Syria's position vis-a-vis Israel.

It is no surprise that Syria and Iraq have opened negotiations to coordinate policy towards water development projects in Turkey.

Egypt has no desire to help Jordan develop into a pivotal state at its own expense. Mubarak dashed off to Saudi Arabia just before King Hussein's fence-mending visit this week. The question of Iraq certainly was on the agenda.

It is too early to say if a dramatic change to Washington's Iraq policy will develop. But American disappointment with Syria might at least convince the administration to explore some limited relations with Iraq as a counterbalance to Damascus.

Iran blamed for Bahrain unrest

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THE Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) this week urged Iran to stop "interfering" in the affairs of Gulf Arab states and expressed its concern over unrest in Bahrain.

Outgoing GCC secretary-general Fahim bin-Sultan al-Qassimi called on Iran to "respect the sovereignty of all the states in the region and to refrain from interfering in the affairs of other countries."

"Security in the GCC states is indivisible," he added. A bomb blast at a Bahraini seafaring hotel Monday marked the most serious attack yet in a recent wave of unrest, but the government-guided media said the "treacherous and depraved" assailants would be stopped.

There were conflicting reports about whether an Islamic group from Bahrain's Shi'ite community was responsible for the explosion, which injured four people at the Diplomat Hotel.

The blast followed weeks of antigovernment unrest in the island state, a financial hub in the Gulf and host to a key US Navy base. There have been scores of injuries and arrests in the past month, but so far no deaths have been reported.

A man claiming to speak for the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, the most militant of several groups drawn from the country's Shi'ite Moslem majority, claimed responsibility for the blast in a telephone call to AP.

"We put a bomb in the Diplomat Hotel," the man said, speaking in Arabic-accented English. "Tell the government, which has arrested 2,000 people, that after the [Id al-Fitr] feast [marking the end of Ramadan], we will destroy every place."

However, BBC World Service radio later quoted an unidentified spokesman for the Islamic Front in London as denying that the organization was involved.



Officials examine the remains of the reception desk at the Diplomat Hotel following a bomb explosion in Manama on Sunday. Four people were injured in the blast. (AP)

Egyptian group threatens US

EGYPT'S militant Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) has threatened to hit US interests and personalities "blow for blow" to avenge the life sentence given its spiritual leader, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman.

The blind and diabetic cleric and nine of his associates were convicted of conspiracy to blow up the UN and FBI buildings in New York, tunnels linking Manhattan and New Jersey, and the George Washington Bridge.

Abdel Rahman was found guilty of plotting to assassinate President Hosni Mubarak during a visit to the US.

Eight of those convicted received long prison terms of over 25 years. The ninth defendant, El-Sayyid Nosair, received a life sentence for the murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane in a Manhattan hotel.

Abdel Rahman denied charges of being the spiritual leader of the conspiracy and told the court in a 90-minute speech in January: "This case is nothing but an extension of the American war against Islam. I pay the price of those who do God's work. My killing will be a martyrdom in the cause of God. I have not committed any crime. It is impossible for me to build a bomb or place it anywhere. This is not the work of a man who preaches Islam."

Abdel Rahman arrived in the US on a tourist visa in 1990 and took up preaching at New Jersey and Brooklyn mosques. He was convicted last October 1 after a nine-month trial. The sentencing came nearly two years after the convictions of four men in the February 1993 World Trade Center bombing which killed four people and injured more than 1,000.

Gama'a al-Islamiya reacted by issuing a statement threatening that US interests and personalities could be targeted. "Gama'a al-Islamiya commits itself before God to reply blow for blow and announces that American interests and personalities are, from now on, legitimate targets for its jihad until the sheikh and his brothers are freed from American prisons."

The statement added, "The Gama'a calls on all Moslems across the world to avenge the attacks on their sacred principles and to bring the Americans to their knees."

Rifaat el-Said, a researcher in political Islam, said the Gama'a's threat had been expected. "There is a possibility that Islamist groups will act against American interests but that was expected once the US allowed the sheikh to live on its land. A terrorist is a terrorist regardless of where he lives."

Claiming that Abdel Rahman had once been an instrument in the hands of the US government, el-Said said "the Americans realized the danger he posed when it was too late."

"The US does not appear to have learned the lesson well," he added, "because it continues to provide shelter for a number of Islamist radicals."

Hala Mustafa, another expert on political Islam, agreed retaliation was a possibility that was expected. "Islamic militants have always regarded the West as their worst enemy and a confrontation between the two sides has always been looming."

As for the future of the Gama'a now with Abdel Rahman behind bars for life, she was sure the movement would continue. (Al-Ahram Weekly, Egypt)

Bloodshed underscores little change in Algeria

WILLIAM J. KOLE PARIS

election since gaining independence from France in 1962. For the first time in a long while, many Algerians thought the nation's desperate cycle of violence might be nearing an end.

And for a few months, there was cause for optimism. Car bombs and other attacks - widely blamed on and in some cases claimed by Moslem militants trying to topple the military-backed government - tapered off.

Algerian newspapers reported possible peace talks between rival militant groups and the government of President Liamine Zeroual, elected to a five-year

and gas companies began flocking to the petroleum-rich country, signing multibillion-dollar deals with Algeria's state oil monopoly.

That investment is a future for Algeria's 28 million citizens, many of whom live in poverty or struggle amid 25 percent unemployment.

"We have a wonderful country - resources, climate, young people," a bank employee at a polling station said last fall. "We just have to get out of this crisis."

Yet Zeroual, a former army general brought out of retirement in 1994 and appointed to head a three-year transition to democracy, seems to have lost the momen-

turn he gained with 61 percent of the vote in November.

Zeroual has not come close to halting the insurgency, which began in January 1992 when the government canceled legislative elections the Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win. More than 40,000 people have died in the conflict.

And true democracy still seems far off.

The Islamic Salvation Front is now banned and most of its leaders jailed, and anger still simmers throughout Algeria. Many political parties boycotted last fall's multiparty election, considering it

a sham to legitimize Zeroual. Opposition parties remain upset at his decision to hold elections without them, despite their calls last spring for a national unity government.

Reacting to the widening conflict, Zeroual's government clamped down, ordering Algerian newspapers to submit to a censor any report about violence that doesn't come from the official Algeria Press Service.

Algerian journalists reacted with indignation, accusing the government of trying to whitewash the violence that still racks the country. (AP)

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## The agreement's basic principles

CHIEF of army intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon yesterday confirmed what has long been suspected: despite Yasser Arafat's repeated promises to wage an all-out war against terrorism, the Palestinian Authority has done "absolutely nothing" against the terrorist infrastructure in areas under its control. If anything, the military arms of the Islamic groups and other rejectionist organizations have gained strength.

True, the PA has acted on information from Israel against individual perpetrators, and has probably prevented some attacks - which is more than it did six months ago. But the need to impose a closure on the territories this week, alert the security forces, and try to locate and destroy terror units in Judea and Samaria is at least partly due to PA inaction.

The PA's reluctance to do more than stop immediate attacks is a logical component of Arafat's strategy. To achieve the calm he wants for the duration of the Israeli withdrawal from Arab population centers, he had to make an agreement with Hamas. He convinced Hamas leaders - who may be opposed to Arafat's recognition of Israel but not to Israel's withdrawal from Judea and Samaria - that acts of terrorism at this point would create a backlash in Israel which would halt the withdrawal. In its Cairo pact with Arafat, Hamas agreed not to launch attacks from PA-controlled areas.

But it is in Arafat's interest not to vitiate Hamas's capabilities to mount terrorist attacks in the not too distant future, when force may be deemed necessary to persuade Israel to make further concessions.

Underlying Arafat's strategy is the not unreasonable assumption that only through the use of force can Israel be persuaded to abandon "red lines" and forfeit what it now considers vital interests. For all the talk of Israel's magnanimity in evacuating the territories and enabling the Palestinians to establish a state, and for all the grandiose visions of a new Middle East, the Palestinians attribute the withdrawal strictly to the "armed struggle." With issues such as the inviolability of Jerusalem, the future of the settlements and the Palestinian demand for the return of refugees still unresolved, the PLO wants to keep terrorism as an option.

There is little Israel can do about this. The terrorist bases, where gunmen and bombers are recruited, armed, trained and housed, are now beyond reach. To protect its citizens, Israel must rely on Palestinian cooperation in thwarting attacks, and on defensive measures such as

closure and special alerts at roadblocks. Clearly, the PA's sheltering of terrorist organizations is a major violation of the Oslo agreements. The only conditions Israel made in 1993 for recognizing the PLO and negotiating with it were that Arafat's forces would combat terrorism with all their might, and the elimination of the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant which call for Israel's destruction.

To date, the PLO has done virtually nothing about either. In fact, the official PA participation in demonstrations commemorating arch-terrorist Yihye Ayyash, the mass attendance of Palestinians in such events, Arafat's praise for the "martyrs" who die fighting Israel and the calls for jihad all point in a different direction.

Nor do the newly elected members of the Palestinian Council, who with their colleagues in the Palestinian National Council (PNC) are supposed to repeal the Covenant within two months, seem eager to perform their obligation. On the contrary. Replying to inquiries by the Jerusalem newspaper *a-Nahar*, they all named conditions Israel must meet before the Covenant can be altered.

Some of these conditions, though made with utmost seriousness, can be treated as jokes. They include a demand that Israel amend the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, change the flag which supposedly connotes Israel's ambition to rule from the Nile to the Euphrates, abolish the coins which allegedly delineate Israel's expansion map and remove similar maps purportedly hanging in the Knesset.

But there are also more serious demands: that before the offensive clauses in the Covenant are eliminated, Israel must admit the Palestinians' "right of return" and recognize a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. And to stress that the Palestinians are not in a hurry to amend the Covenant, acting PNC chairman Selim Za'atun declared yesterday that the early Israeli elections may make it impossible to convene the Council.

To deflect attention from its failure to live up to these fundamental conditions of the Oslo agreement, the PA has called for demonstrations to protest what it claims are Israeli violations. Israel is allegedly guilty of expropriating land, building in the settlements and paving unnecessary bypasses in the territories. But such tactics should fool neither Israel nor the world. What is at stake is not a comparative study of misdemeanors, but what Peres has described as the Palestinians' ability to live up to the basic principles of the agreement.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TREASON

Sir, - As a recent immigrant to Israel, I find it hard to fathom it is Israel's or the American Jewish community's responsibility to obtain a pardon for Jonathan Pollard. Mr. Pollard's situation is unfortunate, but he is receiving a just punishment. What leaves me dumbfounded is that people such as Si Frumkin ("A naval story with heart," January 30) fail to remember Mr. Pollard is a bona-fide criminal. He was convicted in a court of law, which bases its existence on the premise you are innocent until proven guilty. Mr. Pollard was found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. As a Knesset member pointed out to a group of rabbis visiting Israel, "We don't tell you what to do in American, so don't tell us what to do in Israel."

As a citizen of both Israel and the US, I find it extremely hard to sympathize with this felon. Whether or not his motives stemmed from ideological convictions or monetary gain is not the issue. What is the issue is this individual committed an act of treason. At the time of this crime he was not an Israeli citizen, but an American who made the conscious choice to betray his land and the

people who consider it sacred. Just because Pollard is Jewish does not grant him the privilege of enjoying a double standard. What if Aldrich Ames had Russian roots, does this make his crimes permissible or for that matter excusable?

Mr. Frumkin's obvious revelation helps us to understand what the essential reason behind Pollard's stiff sentence is: "Some allies are more equal than others, some spies much less." This is precisely the reason why Mr. Pollard is sitting in jail now; the US government will not tolerate this type of subversive behavior from its citizens when it concerns its most trusted ally.

Finally, Mr. Frumkin should focus on the facts and not make unfounded accusations of antisemitism, clearly indicating the US Navy as the culprit. As to the Israeli government, it should be directing its efforts at restoring faith in the American Congress, which by the way just guaranteed Israel's annual \$3 billion in aid, and not make demands on the US, which for clear reasons cannot be met.

ADAM GOLDMAN  
Givat Brenner.

### EXAGGERATED LIFESTYLE

Sir, - I was deeply impressed by Leah Rabin's courage and dignity, but equally deeply disappointed by her rapacious demands for government support.

Nobody can expect her to answer the flood of letters she received without the help of a secretary. She definitely needs assistance for a certain period of time. She also ought to be provided with suitable transport whenever needed.

But it is a far cry from this to demanding an inflated establishment with a secretary, car and chauffeur for a period of three years. This involves huge expenses for the government that it can ill afford.

It is painful to see that the widow of our slain prime minister who earned our respect acts in a way that diminishes her and damages the memory of her husband. We remember Yitzhak Rabin with all his qualities and devotion to his hard task as an essentially modest man who would never have demanded an exaggerated lifestyle for himself.

TRUDE PHILIPPOHN  
Ramat Gan.

### MARGINALIZED

Sir, - I refer to Judy Siegel's insightful report of January 26 on the stigma of Ethiopian Jewry as blood donors. It is well to point out that the disenfranchisement of this community commenced in 1985 with Operation Moses. Their legitimate status as Jews was placed into question, and for many, conversion became a prerequisite for full membership in Jewish life.

The issue of blood donors adds to the manifold traumas this community experienced, from loss of loved ones in the trek from Ethiopia to the Sudan, to the uprooting of an ancient Jewish community. One would have thought that in light of our long experience with immigrant groups, a more tolerant, respectful and professional approach would have been designed. A once-committed Jewish community is now finding itself once again on the threshold of marginality.

PROF. RUBEN SCHINDLER  
Ramat Gan.

### FILM REVIEWS

Sir, - Having just finished Adina Hoffman's review of *The Tie that Binds* (Time Out, January 19), one wonders why she takes so much space to tell us what rubbish it is instead of dismissing it in the few lines that it deserves. Surely the space allotted to a review should bear some relation to the film's merit. One should not dignify drivel by giving it such prominence.

Perhaps Miss Hoffman would be more usefully employed by pointing out the ever-growing curse in the cinema of the time allotted to advertisements and inordinately long excerpts from coming attractions before the start of the film one has actually come to see. She could also protest against the usually very bad sound track and generally awful acoustics that the paying filagoer has to endure.

AVIVA EVEN-PAZ  
Jerusalem.

### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Sir, - We read and hear statistics that in Israel, there are more people killed on the road than in the wars. In addition, Israel has the infamous record of having one of the highest road-accident fatality rates in the world.

Your issue of January 29 published its daily road obituary notice which reported that Lester Leslie, 81, of Netanya, was killed while crossing at a crosswalk. The driver who was speeding had his license revoked for 90 days. Would not a charge of manslaughter have been more appropriate? What will prevent the driver from driving recklessly again and slaughtering another person, say in 91 days?

All the mechanical detection devices, such as cameras, radar and the like, are superfluous when the penalty is as outrageous as the above.

FRANCES FREY  
Tel Aviv.

## "Haven't you heard of Pandora?"



## A blow to true peace

JAMES P. MORAN

Not being an Israeli, I understand that it is highly presumptuous of me to comment critically on the government of Jerusalem, but as a member of the US Congressional Committee that authorizes the billions of dollars of annual aid to Israel, and having consistently voted for such aid, my conscience compels me to share the following observations.

On January 20, I was standing between the Jaffa Gate police station and the post office, wondering how I would feel if it were my frail grandmother having a metal detector probe rubbed across her body parts as the price for casting her first vote. However, if the Palestinians are going to countenance the bombing of buses, the stabbing of settlers, and the storming of soldiers, then this is the price that must be paid. The highest priority of a state must surely be the security of its citizens.

At that point, a young Palestinian youth was pushed past me with his arm twisted behind him by a blue-coated policeman. Although I didn't witness any resistance, he must have said or done something that caused another policeman to ram a billy club under his neck. Then another policeman hit him, and another, and another. The people I was with counted about 40 policemen all told, the majority of whom were green-clad border police. The unarmed youth was held on the ground while police officers armed with guns and clubs climbed over each other's backs to land their own blows on his body.

Most of the witnesses to this scene said it happens all the time. Where Israeli police and Palestinians are concerned there is no justice or fair play. Might makes right. I witnessed the police laughing and making self-congratulatory gestures after the beating.

One observer said "You have to treat these people that way, they're all potential terrorists. You people do the same thing - look at Rodney King." Perhaps this man was right, although because of the rare factor of Rodney King's beating being videotaped, those particular police were punished.

When I later mentioned this incident to Prime Minister Peres,

he said such incidents are "inexcusable. They should not be condoned." He then instructed a representative of the Foreign Ministry to look into it. This official called me to report the police version that the man had a knife and was trying to escape. When I informed him that there was no knife and no attempt to escape, he

### There must be equal justice for Palestinians and Jews

immediately pursued it further. (His professionalism and sincerity was impressive and reassuring.)

He called back as we were on our way to the airport to say that an investigation revealed that a scuffle had broken out between an Arab and a Jew at the Damascus polling place. This is consistent with the account of the man on the scene of the beating who said he knew the youth, and that he had tried to vote at the Damascus Gate and had been prevented from doing so.

According to the Foreign Ministry official, the police had accordingly arrested him. Subsequent interviews with witnesses revealed that it was the Jew who had initiated and conducted the confrontation.

ON February 4, the Israeli Embassy informed me that a Jewish individual, allegedly without provocation, had sprayed this Palestinian youth with tear gas.

The youth then brought his Jewish attacker to the police station. The police refused to arrest the Jew and forcefully escorted the Palestinian away from the station, which is when I saw the policeman holding his hand behind his back. The youth asked the policeman his name, which is what caused him to be savagely beaten by the Israeli police officers.

The youth has been taken from jail and hospitalized, and the doc-

tors are confident he'll survive. The embassy assured me that an official investigation had begun.

This was clearly a minor incident. The more telling observations were the right-wing posters on the front of the polling building, falsely telling Palestinians that if they voted they would lose their IDs (and their health and pension benefits). The fact that only 5,000 Palestinians were allowed to vote out of the 74,000 living in Jerusalem may have been necessary to make a point, but the overwhelming presence of armed Israeli police at the entrance to the Jerusalem polls was undoubtedly the principal reason why less than a quarter of those 5,000 even got up the courage to exercise their right.

On the flight back to the states, Mayor Olmert, who was on his way to Palm Beach, expressed his anger to my congressional colleague over the temerity of President Carter, who headed the international observation team, and was critical of the Jerusalem government's attempts to undermine the electoral process. Earlier in the day he told us in no uncertain terms what he thought about the peace process and the idea of Palestinians voting.

A former Congressional colleague who now devotes his career to peace for Israel and economic cooperation with its neighbors told me of visiting a hospital in the West Bank and seeing five different Palestinian mothers grieving over their sons, all of whom had been rendered brain-dead by rubber bullets. He then understood that was not the way to peace, that only by taking the risks of change could we stop the bloodshed.

Since the intifada began in 1987 and up to July 1995, 297 Israelis have been killed and 1,418 Palestinians, including 260 children. It's time to end this sad chapter and begin a new one, starting with democratic values, sustained by economic interdependence, and ending with a true and just peace.

But if true peace is our goal, equal justice must be our standard. The writer is a congressman from Virginia.

## Insulting, inaccurate label

AVI SHAFRAN

With our tragic reminder that words have great power for evil as well as for good, wouldn't now be a great time for Jewish journalists to jettison that most common pejorative - the term "ultra-Orthodox"?

My favorite "word-mine," *The American Heritage Dictionary*, lists among the meanings of "ultra": "immoderately adherent" and "exceeding what is common, moderate, or proper." Other sources use synonyms like "extreme" or "too much."

"Ultra-Orthodox" thus pointedly, if subtly, suggests an immediate subjective bias, something responsible journalism should avoid whenever possible.

We who are labeled "ultra" may well exceed what is Jewishly "common" in these amoral and assimilationist times, but we are hardly immoderate or "extreme," a term more aptly applied to neo-Nazis and terrorists.

And what about improper? Doesn't the word, at least from a Jewish perspective, encompass those who endeavor to adhere to the full spectrum of Jewish law and Jewish values? If that endeavor is indeed "too much," then the Jewish people is in deeper trouble than we suspect.

Whether most Jews today choose to live religiously observant lives or not, those who plan their lives in consonance with Jewish law as codified for many centuries and practiced by our common Jewish ancestors for millennia, aren't ultra-anything. They are quintessentially Jewish.

We haredim (from the Hebrew

elements of what passes for culture in modern society, are quite aware of and even conversant with the larger society around them. They are also technologically adept.

Where we haredim stand out is in our refusal to compromise the tenets or laws of our religion. A haredi lawyer or businessman might interrupt a meeting for the afternoon *mincha* prayer, and haredi families are often rather large compared to the Jewish norm.

In addition to their great emphasis on the study of the holy literature of the Jewish heritage, haredim set great store by communal and personal *hesed*, or benevolence.

This is plainly evident not only in countless individual haredi lives, but in a host of haredi community services and organizations including free-loan societies, organized care for the sick and destitute, and community food banks (all of which extend help to any Jew in need.) These are just some examples of haredi "immoderation."

Wouldn't it be more constructive, and accurate, to portray members of the haredi community not as radicals but as examples, not as a threat to their fellow Jews, but as a precious resource for them?

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has laid aside its "ultra-Orthodox" label. Isn't it time all Jewish print media followed suit?

The writer is director of public affairs of Agudath Israel of America.

## Twilight

AVI WEISS

Twilight is "fleeting" in the Holy Land, writes Herbert Weiner in *The Wild Goats of Ein Geidi*. "The bright red sun drops swiftly into the Mediterranean, and it is sudden and complete night... Might this either-or mood of the land have something to do with the harsh polarized extremism of its prophets?"

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat, suggests that the land reflects the politics of its people. In Israeli politics it's either day or night - a country of extremes divided between right and left.

This politically charged atmosphere pervades Israeli life. I vividly recall my experience this past summer at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem after I suffered a heart attack. It was a frightening time. There I was, worried about my health, when I realized that the doctors surrounding me were engaged in a heated political debate.

I remember wondering, with one supporting Labor and the other the Likud, would they remember that it was the right coronary and not the left anterior descending that needed repair? But that's the way it is in Israel. Almost everyone has precise, defined and hard-nosed political opinions.

Consider language. Some on the right shouted, "Rabin is a traitor" when as prime minister he negotiated with the PLO. Some on the left called Menachem Begin a murderer during the Lebanon War.

Consider each side's attempt to delegitimize the other. Too many on the right believe that when the government is wrong it is illegal - a sure prescription for anarchy. Too many on the left refer to Israeli settlers as "implants." Rabin himself once suggested that Israel need only defend the 97 percent of its citizenry who lived within the Green Line, not the 3 percent who live in Judea and Samaria.

IT IS time for extreme politics to make way for the politics of consensus. Painful as it is for those like myself who have debated and written about Israel's right to incorporate Judea and Samaria, we must now recognize that the withdrawal of Israeli troops from seven cities in Israel's heartland means that the philosophy of "not one inch" no longer reflects political reality.

### In Israeli politics, it's either day or night

The left must likewise recognize that uprooting settlers and settlements contravenes the will of the people. A compromise map should be drawn up whereby 95 percent of Palestinians living in Judea and Samaria will remain in a Palestinian entity, while 95 percent of settlers will remain under Israeli rule.

The challenge facing Prime Minister Peres is to build a government based on compromise and common ground. Will his government adopt the policies of the extreme and give up the Golan, parts of Jerusalem and all of Judea and Samaria, creating a Palestinian state? Or will it practice consensus politics?

There is another area where the politics of consensus must be adopted. The government must recognize the opposition's role, especially in light of the fact that Knesset support for Oslo 2 was limited to a narrow 61-59 vote.

Israeli democracy could learn from the American democratic system. The framers of the US Constitution insisted that momentous decisions such as declaring war and signing treaties be ratified by a two-thirds majority. In Israel, as in the US, 51 percent of the legislature should not be enough to approve an accord with such significant consequences as Oslo. But that is the law as it exists in Israel today.

Given the razor-thin margin, one would expect the government to reach out to the minority, listening closely to its positions.

Sadly, however, many Labor leaders have adopted the posture of Interior Minister Haim Ramon, who recently declared on ABC's *Nightline* that democracy means the minority must go along with the majority, or else it will be "crushed." How shall we make peace with our enemies if we do not first make peace among ourselves?

Towards the end of the Passover seder, there is a song of redemption that expresses longing for "a day... that will be neither day nor night."

I never understood this line. Now I know it expresses a yearning for twilight in Israel that will no longer be fleeting. In twilight we will find consensus, the road-way to peace.

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# Theodor Herzl, a hundred years on

One hundred years ago today, Theodor Herzl's epoch-making book *Der Judenstaat* appeared in Vienna. The anniversary calls for a renewed assessment of his personality as well as of his achievements in order.

Herzl was a statesman without a state, a leader without a people to support him. If he impressed monarchs, ministers, and intellectuals alike, it was thanks to his own qualities. He aroused both admiration and opposition, but nobody could ignore the magnetism of his personality, his intelligence, his sincerity and his idealism.

A visionary, who sometimes naively believed that because an idea was good and just it must necessarily prevail, he was also a shrewd and down-to-earth politician with no illusions about human nature. A liberal and a great European, he became the foremost exponent of a Jewish nationalism which was neither chauvinist nor escapist, but an endeavor to restore Jewish honor within a normal national environment.

"We shall enter the Promised Land... under the banner of labor... We must be a people of inventors, warriors, artists, scholars, honest merchants... workmen." Though the *Judenstaat* (the pride of the Jews) was the primordial force which fired Herzl, he never lost sight of the universal aspect of the Jewish renaissance.

Herzl was a statesman-philosopher in a hurry. His sense of urgency was dictated by his conviction that antisemitism was incurable and that, unless a mass exodus of Jews took place, they would be overwhelmed by catastrophe.

This nightmarish specter called for a radical solution. He believed that it lay in the interests of antisemites themselves to find an answer to the problem - rather than denounce the evils of antisemitism, he hoped to harness it

## On the centenary of the publication of 'Der Judenstaat,' Isaiah Friedman takes a fresh look at Herzl's achievements

for his own purposes. To this end, Herzl turned first to Germany, since it was there that the theory of modern antisemitism originated. He was confident that Kaiser Wilhelm II would be grateful to him for leading the "unassimilable people" out of his country.

The Kaiser was indeed enthusiastic. "The fundamental idea of Zionism has always interested me and even aroused my sympathy. I have come to the conclusion that here we have to deal with a question of the most far-reaching importance," he wrote to his uncle, the Grand Duke of Baden, who, incidentally, was a philosemite.

En route to Jerusalem in October 1898, the Kaiser approached Sultan Abdul Hamid II with the suggestion of Jewish colonization in Palestine, but the idea was rejected brusquely.

Turkey was therefore Herzl's main stumbling block. His policy toward her was based on reciprocity, but the funds with which he hoped to restore Turkish solvency were not forthcoming, and the Sultan refused to issue a declaration that could have encouraged Jewish immigration and financial contributions.

It was unlikely that Herzl would have been more successful even if the funds had been made avail-

able. The Sultan was not in the habit of selling his land and limiting his sovereignty voluntarily. Fear of political complications, real and imaginary, should the Jews be allowed to establish themselves in Palestine, weighed far more heavily with the Turks than financial benefits, however alluring they might be.

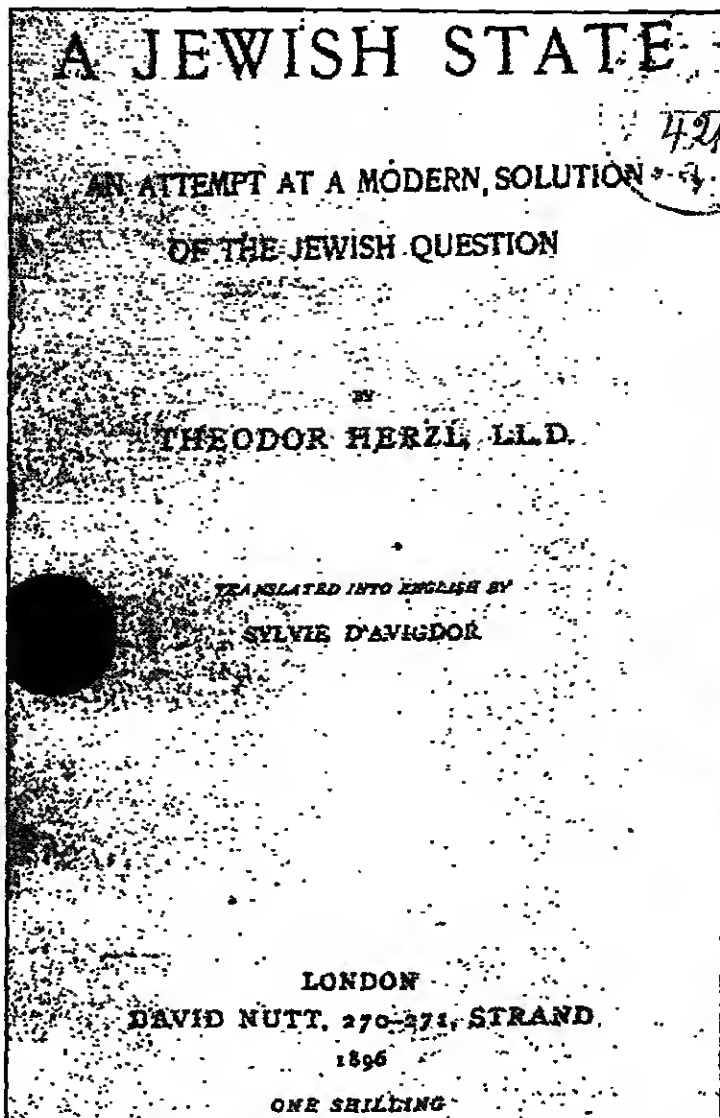
Herzl's basic premise that the antisemitic countries would be helpful was borne out only in the case of Russia. Vyacheslav Plehve, the minister of the interior, gave Herzl his unqualified support for a Jewish state, and, together with Vladimir Lamsdorf, the foreign minister, and with the blessing of Tsar Nicholas II, he decided to intervene with the Ottoman government.

The Russian ministers discovered in Zionism a safety valve against Jewish revolutionaries, a catalyst for Jewish emigration from Russia, and a vehicle for enhancement of her status in Turkic-controlled Asia.

Plehve's letter of August 12, 1903, served as the cornerstone of Herzl's diplomacy. The letter opened doors to him in his native city of Vienna. A secret agreement on the Near East existed between Russia and Austria, and, since Russia had made a move, Austria had to keep step with her.

Herzl's achievement in St. Petersburg made a great impression on the king of Italy, Victor Emmanuel III. Italy likewise was aiming at the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire. Herzl's cherished hope to create a concert of powers was beginning to take shape.

To broaden its basis, Herzl required the support of Britain, and it is in this context that his negotiations with London should be seen. Herzl never thought seriously of Joseph Chamberlain's offer of a Jewish settlement in the Guas Ngishu plateau near Nairobi in East Africa (which Chamber-



An 1896 English-language version of 'Der Judenstaat'; Theodor Herzl that same year.



Theodor Herzl that same year.

## Farewell to a peace visionary who forged his dreams into reality

TIRZAH AGASSI and JOAN POULIN

Father Bruno, the Dominican monk who died on February 8, was a practical visionary who founded the Jewish and Arab community of Neveh Shalom/Wahat al-Salam.

On a hilltop overlooking the battle-scarred Ayalon Valley, where Joshua made the sun stand still, Father Bruno built a community dedicated to peace.

Born Andre Hussar to secular Jewish parents in Cairo in 1911, he was raised speaking English, French and Italian. While he was studying engineering in Paris, a mystical experience led him to convert to Catholicism and eventually become a monk. But even as a monk, he was always proud of his Jewish roots.

Father Bruno came to Israel in 1953 to found Isaiyah House, a Dominican center for Jewish studies that worked to reconcile Jews and Christians. On Sunday, a Catholic memorial service was held there for him while Kaddish and Muslim prayers were said for him at Neveh Shalom.

"I am really a Christian and a priest," he said in 1967 when accompanying Abba Eban to the UN as a representative of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. "I am really a Jew and an Israeli. I feel maybe not Egyptian, but very close to the Arab people, whom I know and

whom I love. It is not a comfortable combination."

This rich, yet disconcerting mélange inspired Father Bruno's vision of a community where people could remain true to their ethnic and spiritual origins while accepting and living with others. He and the community he built have been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize five times.

An elementary school for Jewish and Arab children from the vicinity and a School for Peace in which Jewish and Arab teenagers from around the country meet for weekend programs are important parts of the community.

Students read passages from Isaiah in Hebrew and Arabic and sang "Ani Ve'ata Neshaneh Et Ha'olam" ("You And I Will Change The World"). Father Bruno's favorite song, at his memorial service.

The mostly secular community has its roots in Father Bruno's 1970 attempt to found a village which would support itself by growing mushrooms in the ruins of a Crusader fort. When mocked as a Utopian, Father Bruno answered in true Herzlian style, "Israel is a land where the impossible happens."

This initial attempt floundered, but later the Trappist monks of the Laturin monastery offered him the community's current site and eventually a guest house and youth hostel replaced the mushroom-growing plan.

Father Bruno also participated in



Born Jewish and brought up in Egypt, Father Bruno envisioned himself as a follower of God to the very end.

the 1964 Vatican II Ecumenical Council which declared that the Jews were not responsible for the death of Jesus. The Church also acknowledged its responsibility to teach its adherents this. In an attempt to unify adherents of all religions, Father Bruno had a sanctuary for prayer and reflection where anyone can come to revel in the glory of God constructed at Neveh Shalom/Wahat al-Salam.

Paradoxically, the sanctuary's view of the splendid valley, now shimmering green with young

corn, wheat and barley, includes both the Laturin monastery and a cluster of tanks from the Armored Corps Museum.

The sanctuary, where some 500 mourners of various ethnic groups, faiths and nationalities gathered to honor him on Sunday, is meant to resemble a white cloud.

During the Exodus, God led the children of Israel through the desert by appearing as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Father Bruno always identified himself as a follower of that cloud.

## A step by step decision can ensure your child's needs

I have found a school with an unconventional educational philosophy that really speaks to me and to which I would like to send my children. I would have loved to have gone to a school like this.

How can I make sure that I am not making a decision for my children that is based more on my needs than on theirs?

Alan Flashman, MD, child and adult psychiatrist, replies:

The formulation of your excellent question is the first step towards separating the parents' needs from their children's needs. Let me suggest several steps to guide you along this complex and very important road.

1. Try to imagine that such a wonderful school was available when you were a child. Just what do you imagine would have worked so well for you there? What particular educational, social, spiritual, emotional, or family needs would it have filled for you?

2. Now take those particular needs you have identified as your own and compare them with the needs of the child in question. In what ways is this child alike and unlike you as a child? Which characteristics of yours are less prominent in your child? What areas are central to your child that were peripheral to who you were as a child?

3. Now ask yourself how this dream school fits into this child's

PARENTING RUTH MASON

particular set of needs and talents.

4. Now try to tell at least two parallel stories. The first is the future for your child in this school. The second is your child's future in the more commonplace alternative. How much of a difference do you find the choice making?

5. If you are having trouble with step four, go back to yourself. How do you imagine your own life would have been different had this school been available to you? Each parent would do well to perform this step and consider both himself and his spouse.

The rationale behind these steps is that we all harbor fantasies about how our own lives (and those of our spouses) could have been better.

When we consciously delineate differences between ourselves as children and our children, we begin to free our wishes for our children as they themselves are from our fantasies about ourselves.

What do I do when I see my friends or relatives doing things with their babies that I think are detrimental, such as propping up a bottle in the stroller rather than feeding the baby oneself or

propping an infant who is not yet sitting into a sitting position?

Judy Baumgold, a family and couples therapist at the Shihir Institute, replies:

There are many opinions about baby care. To a certain extent, these opinions change over time. In the '40s, for example, babies were fed every four hours and demand feeding was not considered to be good for them. Today, demand feeding is the way to go.

It is often difficult to see someone close to you treat her children in a way you consider unhealthy. If you see something you really think is unwise, say something, but how you say it is very important.

Make sure you talk to the parent one-on-one, when other people are not around. Try not to be judgmental.

You want to create a situation in which the parent will be receptive to your words and not provoke a defensive reaction. Make sure to compliment the good things this parent does.

It is important to present your opinion as something you learned from your own experiences. Also, remember, your opinion is really just another opinion and not the only right way because, as with most things in child rearing, there is more than one way.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 51, 91000 Jerusalem.

## One click away from love on Valentine's Day

ROBERT NORTON

From the clouds of cyberspace, Cupid is sending just one message this Valentine's Day - log on or lose out.

At the click of a mouse, you can enter the world's biggest meet market with access to 30 million people in 150 countries.

From Romeos in Romania to broken hearts in Brazzaville, more people than ever are searching for love on the Internet today.

A host of online services cater to cyberromance. Strangers exchange E-mails and lovers at first click download kisses.

"Aphrodite's Love Palace" is one of hundreds of sites offering special Valentine's Day assistance.

Accessed via the World Wide Web, the "Love Palace" is a hands-on initiation for sweethearts desperate to learn how to say "I love you" in Swahili or for techno-virgins eager to experience virtual kissing.

The amorous user can choose from a French kiss, an Italian kiss and an English kiss, before downloading the relevant sounds and images. But the idea of an Internet kissing booth may not be everyone's idea of fun, never mind romance.

Ian Feaveryear from England met his heart's desire, who's from California, in CompuServe's "Christianity room." What started as a casual chat on the Net has finished in plans for marriage.

It took just 10 days of reading a woman's E-mail messages to realize he was head over

heels in love. Feaveryear said he knows at least three other couples in Britain who have got married by the same keystroke route.

Fran Maier, general manager of Match.Com, an online matchmaking service in San Francisco, believes the Internet is ultimately about getting together and making connections.

Her service already boasts six marriages, dozens of engagements and one baby on the way.

"People are running out of ways to meet people and the Net fulfills a really important need," Maier said. "I don't think the Web is just a fad, there's too much money going in it."

She said more than 60,000 people have signed up for the service, which charges \$7.95 per month to keep details on file.

Newcomers specify exactly what type of partner they're looking for and the computer then searches everything from preferred relationship to bad habits, churning out a list of the suitable candidates.

Match.Com also organizes parties in cities across the US to entice people to make the move from online to offline.

Flirting online has its rewards. But there are risks of being found out, as one woman in the US recently discovered.

In what is being described by the American media as the world's first Internet divorce, a man in New Jersey filed for divorce this month after accusing his wife of conducting a virtual affair via E-mail with a man called "The Weasel."

But online services aren't just about meeting people. They're also there to send existing lovers gifts and seek advice on thorny issues.

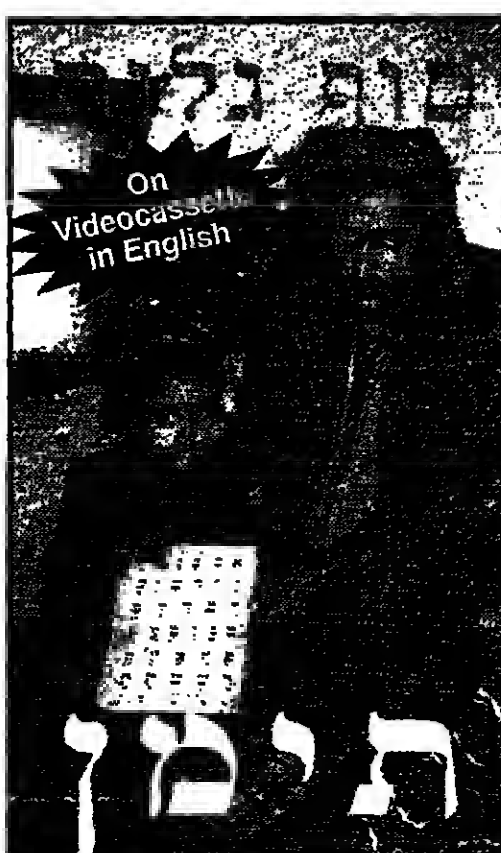
There are online agony aunts like "The Love Mechanic," who provides handy hints for do-it-yourself relationship repairs, and "Ask Diana," which offers a woman's view on dating dilemmas.

For those Valentines who are stuck for words, there's a range of ready-made love letters. Just click on the relevant category - first encounter, true love, destiny, or proclamation - and add a name to the bottom.

Or there's a selection of classic works of love including poems by William Shakespeare, Dylan Thomas and Emily Dickinson.

Tom Loosemore, Web editor at *Wired U.K.*, a London magazine, said he is looking forward to logging on to the Internet today.

"I'm hoping to get a few anonymous E-mails. It's more romantic because unlike a blank card, you have the option of replying to them," he said. (Reuters)



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A new color video documenting the 2500 year old Jewish community in Yemen, just before their dream of Aliyah to Israel was fulfilled. The film follows Tamar Jarufi-Ungar, a young Israeli of Yemenite descent in search of her ancestral roots. Included are scenes from places never filmed before portraying Jewish everyday life and the biblical, religious practices of this unique and ancient Jewish enclave. Filmed by Jack and Tamar Ungar. Produced by Larry Frisch. Narrated in English, 43 min.  
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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## Palestinians: Unemployment 18.3% in areas

UNEMPLOYMENT in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is 18.3 percent, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday, releasing official figures for the first time.

Another 20% of the labor force are underemployed, while 61.6% have jobs, the bureau said.

In the past, Palestinian economists lacked solid data, but estimated the unemployment rate at 40% to 50%.

Some jobs have been created by modest foreign aid and investment since the start of Palestinian self-rule in May 1994.

However, repeated Israeli closures of the West Bank and Gaza, imposed to prevent terrorist attacks, have kept tens of thousands of Palestinians from their jobs.

Israel has also replaced numerous Palestinians with foreign workers.

The Palestinian labor force in the West Bank and Gaza is 535,000, out of a total population of 2.4 million, said Hassan Abu Libdeh, director of the statistics bureau.

The size of the labor force is relatively small, because 47% of the population are 15 years old and younger.

In addition, most women do not work outside the home.

In the West Bank, unemployment is 13% while underemployment is around 20%, Abu Libdeh said.

Of those who have jobs, 76% work in the West Bank and another 23% in Israel and settlements, he said.

In the Gaza Strip, unemployment stands at 31% and underemployment at 20%.

Of those who have jobs, 91% work in the Gaza Strip and 8% in Israel and settlements.

The bureau's figures are based on a representative sample of 7,500 families in the West Bank and Gaza in late 1995. (AP)

## Shohat: Back guarantees for IAI deal with Turkey

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat has appealed to the Knesset Finance Committee to approve the issuing of state guarantees of up to \$410 million to finance a landmark deal in which Israel Aircraft Industries would upgrade Turkish warplanes.

The appeal came as the committee has been debating such guarantees for the past week. Turkey has chosen IAI to upgrade its fleet of fighter-jets, including F-5s, but, according to industry sources, said it cannot pay for the work for at least the next two years.

Treasury officials said the guarantees for the deal require special approval, as the package exceeds the standard ceiling of \$200m. They added that the deal — worth

STEVE RODAN

about \$600m. — is one of high-risk that requires Knesset approval.

Shohat asked the committee to approve the issuing of loans by Israeli banks to the Turkish government and that the state participate in guaranteeing the money in the following way:

Loans of up to \$250m. would be guaranteed at a rate of 84 percent.

From \$250m. until \$300m., the guarantee would be 90%.

From \$300-350m., the guarantee would be 95%.

Over \$350m., the loan would be 100% guaranteed.

IAI has already signed a contract with the Turks for the

upgrade. But officials said the deal is dependent on guaranteed loans approved by the government.

The deal has generated controversy among defense industry executives and analysts.

They agree that such a deal would catapult IAI and local industry into a new level of activity. But analysts doubt if Turkey can meet its part of the deal.

Israel after major Western defense contractors refused Ankara's demands for generous credit.

Turkey has experienced a severe economic crisis since 1994 that has been marked by high unemployment and an inability to repay its debts.



US Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Arthur Levitt (left) and Securities Authority Chairman Aryeh Mintevitch shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding yesterday at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, as US Ambassador Martin Indyk and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat look on. The agreement will facilitate enforcing securities regulations and sharing information between the two nations. (Ariel Jervonitski)

## Kleinwort-Benson, YLR Capital Markets announce association

RACHEL NEIMAN AND JENNIFER FRIEDLEN

LONDON-BASED merchant bank Kleinwort-Benson yesterday officially announced a cooperative relationship with YLR Capital Markets.

The two investment houses have been negotiating for about one year, said Kleinwort-Benson director Alan Craft, who announced the relationship at the City of London Financial Services Conference in Tel Aviv.

"The conference is an appropriate time to announce this association," he said. "People are feeling much more confident."

YLR chairman Udi Recananti mentioned Israel's high-tech and food sectors as two potential areas of investment. "Our outlook is to promote business as much as possible and bring together the two

sides, Israel and the UK."

As if Israel might function as a springboard for further Kleinwort-Benson activity in the Middle East, Craft said "there's a huge question as to the future. We'll see how the region develops."

The association is one of mutual representation, with Kleinwort-Benson serving as YLR's European representative. YLR is also in negotiations for US representation.

In addition to activities ranging from project finance and brokerage services to cross-border mergers and acquisitions, Kleinwort-Benson also manages several mezzanine funds and begun looking for potential joint ventures here.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Bank of Israel is investigating some 100 cases in which banks may have given large loans without appropriate collateral — which is illegal, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles told a Knesset Finance Committee subcommittee yesterday.

If these cases are substantiated, Abeles said, he will ask Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to begin criminal proceedings against the people responsible. *Evelyn Gordon*

Study on Israeli-Jordanian Aqaba Airport due next month: An initial study on the joint Israeli-Jordanian Aqaba Airport, which is being conducted by Lockheed Martin Corporation, is due to be completed next month, aviation sources said.

The \$500,000 contract to conduct the study was awarded by the Jordan Civil Aviation Authority on the basis of a recommendation by a joint Jordanian-Israeli steering committee and is being funded by the US Trade and Development Agency.

The study is led by Lockheed Martin Management and Data Systems, which has been the principle support contractor to the US Federal Aviation Administration and the US Department of Defense for both civil and military air traffic control systems. *Haim Shapiro*

Earnings of industrial companies will drop 20 percent if the government goes ahead with plans to worsen conditions for firms that are subject to government price supervision, Manufacturers Association general manager Yoram Belizovsky said yesterday. Belizovsky said the earnings of about 60 industrial firms will fall as a result of the government's intentions. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Mor gets Investment Center loan: Mor Plastic Industries has received a \$1.55 million loan from the Israel Investment Center, covering 34 percent of the company's two-year plan to upgrade machinery and equipment. *Rachel Neiman*

Rotlex signs MOU with foreign firm: Optics instrument developer Rotlex has signed a memorandum of understanding for strategic cooperation with a foreign firm. Rotlex is 49% owned by Teuza — a Fairchild Technology Venture.

Last June Teuza completed its initial investment in the company. *Rachel Neiman*

## New owners of Tahal to expand firm's activities

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE activities of Tahal, the Israel Water Planning Authority, will be expanded beyond hydrological planning, the Leumi and Co. and Housing and Construction consortium said yesterday.

The Leumi consortium won the government tender to purchase the company for NIS 40 million earlier this week.

The consortium is made up of Leumi and Co. (25 percent share), Housing and Construction (25%), US consultancy firm Parsons (16.6%), Israeli Zimha Fund (16.6%) and Kardan Investment (16.6%).

It competed against the IBI consortium, which submitted a lower bid.

Kardan senior manager Yitzhak Grossman said over the next few days that Leumi and Co. and Housing and Construction intend to formulate a plan for the company which will involve expanding its activities.

He did not elaborate.

Tahal's sale is subject to the approval of the Industry and Trade Ministry's supervisor of monopolies and mergers.

According to the tender conditions, the consortium will have to transfer the full purchase price within 10 days to the state.

## Tadiran Communications in \$10m. deal with African army

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN Communications and Systems has received a contract to supply control and communications systems to an army in Africa for \$10 million.

The company said the contract involves constructing the system, adjusting it to the customer's needs and installation. Tadiran said it cannot reveal the country, but the contract includes an option

to expand the system at an extra cost of millions of dollars.

Tadiran Communications general manager Benny Meidan said the equipment supplied will include CNR 900 and HF 2000 radio communications systems, communication control systems and computers.

The systems are adapted to automatically set the best communications path in the current operational environment.

The company insisted the systems provide armed forces a complete solution for the digital battlefield.

Tadiran recently supplied a European country with a similar system.

## National Fraud Squad probes Bank Leumi, Migdal Insurance

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE National Fraud Squad is investigating Bank Leumi and its subsidiary Migdal Insurance on alleged offenses in connection with the insurance company's attempts to take control of Ellern Investment in 1993.

The Bank of Israel suspects Leumi violated bank licensing laws which prohibit banks from helping firms under their ownership to gain control of other companies.

The law is intended to prevent banks from inappropriately taking advantage of their financing ability. Leumi is suspected of giving Migdal a loan to gain control of Ellern.

A National Fraud Squad spokesman confirmed the investigation.

"We have not questioned any-

one but are examining documents taken from the companies."

Leumi and Migdal spokesmen said they gave the police documents related to the purchase and financing of the Ellern transaction several days ago.

The investigation was opened after Bank of Israel Supervisor Ze'ev Abeles filed a complaint with the attorney general against Leumi.

The attorney general then instructed the National Fraud Squad to investigate the issue.

Migdal gained control of Ellern about three years ago through a series of share transactions, totaling NIS 68m., and another NIS 3.5m. for Ellern's management shares in Elgar, a subsidiary.

Migdal financed the purchase with a capital note issued by Leumi Insurance Holdings, a subsidiary of Leumi and Africa Israel, and with a long-term loan from Leumi.

Shortly after Migdal acquired control of Ellern, the company's founders — which controlled most of the management shares — sued Migdal, Ellern and Leumi for illegally gaining control of the company.

The suit in Jerusalem District Court was dropped after the two sides reached a compromise agreement.

The agreement involved Migdal's purchase of shares held by Ellern management for \$3m. and the resignation of the board of directors, representing the Ellern family.

## Shlomo Duki buys franchise rights for Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

JERUSALEM contractor Shlomo Dhuki, owner of the Penthouse real estate company, yesterday bought the franchise rights in both Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken from Clal Retail chains for NIS 33 million.

Dhuki plans to more than double the number of Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants as part of a five-year development program for the fast-food chain.

He also announced plans to establish Pizza Hut Express and Pizza Hut Delivery (take-away) services.

The ceremony was attended by heads of PepsiCo Corp., which owns Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"We are sure that the group has the drive, management ability and financial resources needed to expand the Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken market in Israel," said Larry Cates, vice president and general manager of franchise operations at PepsiCo Restaurants International.

Yossi Koren, deputy marketing manager of Penthouse, said the company has formulated a five-year development plan which involves increasing the number of Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants to 45.

There are currently 17 Pizza Hut and three Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in the country.

"Penthouse intends to take advantage of the fact that it is a real estate company and open chains in places where there are likely to be many visitors," Koren said.

Penthouse, which was founded in 1989, is made up of 19 companies engaged in the real estate field. Among others, the company helped construct a shopping mall and hotel in Mevasseret Zion.

Clal decided to sell its franchise rights in Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken last year after incurring heavy losses which convinced it to get out of the fast food business.

In the last three years, Clal has reportedly accumulated some NIS 5m. in losses from Pizza Hut.

## Russian minister wants top firms nationalized

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia's interior minister called yesterday for some top companies to be nationalized in a U-turn which could be designed to help President Boris Yeltsin's re-election chances but would alarm his Western backers.

Minister Anatoly Kulikov suggested oil giants LUKoil and Yukos, and the gas monopoly Gazprom, were candidates for partial nationalization that would

give the state control.

He also cited five leading private banks and the vehicle makers ZIL, KamAZ and AvtoVAZ.

Kulikov said his proposals had already been discussed by the Security Council, a top advisory body headed by Yeltsin.

However, he announced them publicly for the first time two days before Yeltsin is expected to launch his campaign for re-election.

## US wage gains in '95 a record low

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Americans scored the slimmest gains in wages and benefits on record in 1995, despite an upward blip in the final quarter, the US Labor Department said yesterday.

Total compensation rose just 2.9 percent in 1995, the smallest calendar-year gain since the department started tracking the figures in 1982. It compared with a 3.0% gain in 1994.

In the final quarter of the year, total compensation rose 0.9%, the largest gain since the quarter ended in June 1993, when labor costs also rose 0.9%.

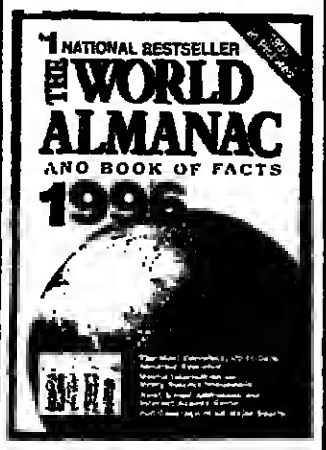
The fourth quarter increase was up from a 0.6% gain in the third quarter and a 0.7% rise in the final quarter of 1994, the department said.

It exceeded Wall Street economists' expectations of a 0.7% rise.

The fourth-quarter rise was propelled by benefits, which gained 1.3%. That was the biggest gain since the first quarter of 1993.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS			
Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (13.2.96)			
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
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Japanese yen (100)	4.7279	4.9042	2.18
Swiss franc	0.8282	0.8188	4.68
British pound	2.9262	2.9881	0.84
Spanish peseta (100)	1.5708	1.6010	0.83
Dutch guilder	2.3988	2.4977	2.82
Swedish krona	0.4480	0.4532	0.83
Norwegian krona	0.4784	0.4872	0.83
Danish krone	0.5412	0.5500	0.83
Finland mark	0.6726	0.6887	0.83
Canadian dollar	2.2501	2.2954	2.21
Australian dollar	2.3204	2.3680	2.29
S. African rand	0.8473	0.8610	0.78
Belgian franc (10)	1.0162	1.0247	1.00
Austrian schilling (10)	2.3798	2.4255	2.32
Italian lira (1000)	1.9088	2.0006	1.88
Irish pound	—	—	4.25
Spanish peseta	—	—	0.83
ECU	3.8201	3.9122	—
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White House scrambles for new strategy on Fed posts

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The White House scrambled yesterday to put together a new strategy for filling key posts at the Federal Reserve after Republicans scuttled its plans to name a Democrat financier to the No. 2 post at the powerful central bank.

Wall Street executive Felix Rohatyn told President Clinton Monday he wanted to withdraw his name from consideration as Fed vice chairman after the proposed nomination had been sharply criticized by Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

"The president... is very disappointed that we have reached a point in Washington, DC, where a nomination so obviously qualified won't be able to proceed," White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters.

Republican lawmakers, led by Florida Sen. Connie Mack, had questioned Rohatyn's suitability

for the Fed, accusing him of being an advocate of big government because of his support for heavy spending on roads, bridges and other public works.

McCurry accused the Republicans of playing "cheap politics" in blocking the appointment in an election year. The Senate, now controlled by the Republicans, must approve all nominees to the Fed board.

The administration had been hoping to name pro-growth Democrat Rohatyn to the No. 2 post at the central bank as a counterweight to Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, a long-time Republican and avowed anti-inflation hawk.

Greenspan's tenure expires on March 2 and administration officials said his reappointment to a third term is assured.

The Fed chief has enjoyed largely cordial relations with the administration, backing its efforts

to slash the budget deficit in 1993 and its economic rescue of Mexico in 1995.

But administration insiders acknowledged that they have little choice but to renominate Greenspan, given his popularity in Capitol Hill and Wall Street.

McCurry said Clinton will consider what to do about the Fed posts in the coming days. Two posts are currently vacant on the Fed.

Former Vice Chairman Alan Blinder left the central bank at the end of last month to return to teaching at Princeton University in New Jersey. One-time banker John LaWare retired from his post as Fed governor last April.

With Rohatyn having withdrawn from the race to become Fed vice chairman, the leading candidates now appear to be two university professors - Benjamin Friedman of Harvard and Peter Kenen of Princeton - and current

Comptroller of the Currency Eugene Ludwig.

Ludwig in the past has said he has no plans to leave his post as top regulator of America's national banks.

This is not the first time that the Republican-led Senate has scuttled a potential Clinton nominee to the Fed board.

The administration last year floated the name of then Treasury Department economist Alicia Munnell as a candidate for LaWare's position at the central bank, but then backed off under opposition from Republican lawmakers.

Sources close to the Fed have suggested that the administration is now looking to fill LaWare's post with a banker and that Anthony Terracciano, President of First Union Corp. of North Carolina, is a leading candidate.

Warner, MAI to build Movie World park

LONDON (Reuters) - US entertainment giant Warner and British broadcaster MAI unveiled plans yesterday for a £225 million (NIS 1.08 billion) movie theme park and studio in Britain that should give a further boost to the reviving British film industry.

The 50-50 joint venture, to be built on a 150-acre site to the west of London, is to open for the 1999 tourist season. The theme park, which will celebrate British filmmaking, will be open from April to October.

It is expected to attract about two million visitors a year, while the year-round, 5,000-square-meter studio will provide much-needed facilities for British filmmakers.

"We believe this investment will be the catalyst for films by local producers," said attract world-class filmmakers to Britain, Sandy Resnicovich, an executive vice president of the Warner Bros. studio subsidiary, told a news conference.

It is the first new studio com-

plex to be built from scratch in Britain since World War Two.

"I've long felt, since my days as chairman of Sheppertons, that the UK needed a state-of-the-art facility," MAI managing director Lord Hollick said.

Shepperton, owned by Tony and Ridley Scott, the British film directing duo, and the Rank Organization's Pinewood are Britain's only fully-fledged film studios.

A converted Rolls-Royce factory in Leavesdon was used for the latest James Bond film, Goldeneye, due to a lack of studio space, and that is being transformed into a full studio.

"Sir Sydney Samuelsen, the British Film commissioner, said the Warner/MAI studio will go a long way to aid the renaissance in the British film industry.

"We have lost production to other countries in recent times," Samuelsen said.

The joint venture partners said they are forming Warner Bros. MAI Films to provide funding for films.

Foreigners cash in on China's chocolate wars

BEIJING (Reuters) - Valentine's Day offers a boom for foreign chocolate makers cashing in on a Chinese sweet tooth while struggling domestic competitors battle to hold on to increasingly choosy palates, manufacturers said yesterday.

"For Valentine's Day, we promote sales in all major shopping centers to make consumers familiar with Vochele," Lee Siew Yin, manager of Beijing Vochele, a Swiss-licensed Sino-Malaysian joint venture, said.

Officials at China's premier chocolate manufacturer, Yili Foods, said they had no marketing strategy to boost sales for Valentine's Day, preferring to rely on their standing as China's oldest sweet maker.

Chocolate consumption in China is soaring.

At Beijing department stores, foreign brands set up stalls staffed by salesgirls offering roses and paper hearts as gifts for lovers buying chocolate for sweethearts on Valentine's Day. Buyers were plentiful.

Chocolate consumption more than doubled to almost 22,000 tonnes in 1994 from 9,500 tonnes in 1988.

In the same period, retail sales surged to 1.1 billion yuan (NIS 409m.) from 128 million yuan (NIS 46.5m.) with most turnover concentrated in major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

However, much of the increase has been to the advantage of foreign manufacturers and at the expense of domestic producers, officials and local media said.

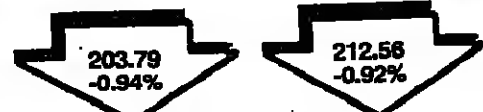
The Chinese chocolate market is growing at between 15 percent and 20 percent a year, said Jeff Briggs, general manager of Cadbury Schweppes (Australia), which began production at a plant with 5,000 tonnes capacity in Beijing in October 1995.

"Our growth is much higher than that," Briggs said in a telephone interview, but declined to give figures. "In most Western countries the market is flat. This is a young market... with great potential," he said.

CPI fears drive indexes lower

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INDEXES closed nearly one percent lower amid expectations a consumer price report due tomorrow will show inflation accelerating, boosting the chances of higher interest rates.

"We're hanging around, waiting for the Consumer Price Index," said Keith Phillips, market analyst at Societe Generale Strauss Turbulin in Tel Aviv.

"I have heard a CPI up 1.3% being bounced" around, but not by everyone, he said.

Rising prices could bring higher interest rates as an anti-inflation measure by the central bank. Higher rates cut into corporate profits by making borrowing more expensive. They also slow the economy, further threatening profits.

The most active stock was Koor Industries Ltd., up 0.5 percent on NIS 11.3 million of shares traded.

Among major decliners, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. was off 1.5% and Bezek lost 2.5%. Bank Hapoalim eased 1.7%, and Israel Chemicals slipped 2.6%.

Close behind Koor was Clal Electronic, up 2% on NIS 8.8 million traded. The unit of the holding company Clal Israel said it sold a 1.2% stake in ECI Telecommunications Ltd. for \$35.5m.

"I don't understand why housing prices should go berserk, which is one of the reasons I've heard for a jump in the CPI. We could have a pleasant surprise there," said Phillips, who is bet-

ting on a 1% rise in the CPI. The Two-Sided Index fell 0.94% to 203.79. The Maof Index finished at 212.56, off 0.92%.

More than NIS 8m. of shares were traded. About 2 1/2 issues fell far every one that rose.

Phillips said he "didn't want to sound cynical," but he wondered if speculations about a higher CPI might have originated in some government circles.

"They could scare us, and then slam us with something under 1%," he said. "Therefore, this figure could be seen as an achievement, as everyone has amended their sentiments" toward a higher number.

In any event, he said, "the market should be encouraged by the fact that we've got a shortened election campaign since the new government will be able to tackle the economy faster."

The need to address Israel's economy, particularly its balance of payments deficit, will fall not only on Labor but on the Likud as well.

"The campaign is not going to be fought on the economy," because the two parties' economic policies aren't that different Phillips said.

Inflation was 8.1% last year, compared with 14.2% in 1994. Estimates of the rise for January have ranged from 0.7% to 1.3%.

Among active stocks, Bezek slipped as the financial daily Globes said that the government may delay a planned global offering of its shares. (Bloomberg)

The TASE data were unavailable due to a technical error.

FTSE Index closes 21 points higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Leading British shares ended firmer, boosted by the Dow's ability to overcome adverse news.

But the tone was tempered by concerns that the longer Wall Street continues higher, the greater the likelihood that any downward correction will be significant.

The FTSE Index closed 21.0 points up at 3,747.6.

FRANKFURT - Record closing prices on Wall Street and a supportive German bond market combined to help trade on the German bourse.

The DAX Index of 30 blue-chip German shares closed up 5.86 points, or 0.24 percent, at 2,433.91.

PARIS - Shares finished with a major advance as a continuing run-up on Wall Street pushed the market higher in the absence of any clear domestic trend. Much of the business consisted of orders of baskets of cash stocks and futures contracts.

The CAC-40 index closed up 15.66, or 0.80%, at 1,983.33.

TOKYO - Stocks ended lower with many players sitting on their hands as they waited to see New York's performance after weak

US semiconductor data. But some brokers said the market might have already discounted a possible decline on Wall Street.

The 225-share Nikkei average closed down 150.59 points, or 0.72%, at 20,784.23.

HONG KONG - Stocks reversed sharp gains in finish moderately lower, stretching their losing streak to six days on profit-taking ahead of next week's Chinese New Year holiday and Hutchison's slide. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index fell 56.40 points to end at 11,200.19.

SYDNEY - Shares ended higher, being pulled up sharply in the afternoon session by a futures market whose strength made the easier gold sector seem almost irrelevant. The All Ordinaries Index closed 26.4 points higher at 2,389.7.

JOHANNESBURG - Shares ended a listless day softer, with gains off on a dull bullion price and industrials easing in sympathy.

The all-share index was down 35.4 points to 6,764.7, the industrial index slipped 11 points to 8,434.4 and the gold index slipped 13.1 points to 1,712.9.

Dow Jones ekes out seventh straight record

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks ended slightly higher yesterday as the Dow Jones industrial average eked out a seventh consecutive record after a roller-coaster session. Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow index gained 1.08

points in 5,601.23 - a day after closing above 5,600 for the first time. In the broader market, declining issues led advances six-five on heavy volume of 445 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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# Smith, Cairns should be fit for World Cup opener today

AHMEDABAD, India (Reuter) - Robin Smith and Chris Cairns, injury-hit key players with England and New Zealand respectively, received a World Cup boost on the eve of the cricket tournament yesterday.

All-rounder Cairns, who recently suffered a hamstring strain, came through a net session while Smith, England's most experienced one-day batsman, got the all-clear to stay with the squad after a fitness test on an injured groin muscle.

It was a make-or-break workout for Smith at the Sardar Patel Stadium as, according to the team management, it was the last day they would be allowed to seek for a replacement.

But Smith completed a tough 30-minute test supervised by team doctor Philip Bell and physiotherapist Wayne Morton before having a session in the nets.

Although not being considered for the opening Cup game against New Zealand today, the Hampshire batsman expects to be fit for England's next outing, against the United Arab Emirates on Sunday.

Smith said: "It was a big day for me and I would have been devastated if I had to go home, but the injury is improving day by day and, although it's still not 100 percent, it should only take a few more days now."

Cairns had a lengthy bowl to test his hamstring during New Zealand's practice before batting for 45 minutes.

Coach Glenn Turner said: "Chris came through the session okay. He got stuck in with the ball and batted for a long time. We'll have to wait to see if there is any reaction but we don't anticipate any."

Cairns almost gave England a fresh injury worry when he batted, his straight drive hitting Alec Stewart on the head as he was having fielding practice on the



LAST LOOKS - England captain Mike Atherton surveys the pitch at Ahmedabad, site of today's World Cup opener against New Zealand.

other side of the ground. Stewart was left rubbing his head but was later able to bat in the nets and seemed none the worse for the incident.

England's other injury doubts, Dominic Cork and Neil Fairbrother, both came through unscathed.

Cork tested his right knee for the first time since injuring it in Lahore last Thursday, while Fairbrother was able to bat and field with a protective patch on his right hand after colliding with a barbed wire fence and wall on Sunday in Calcutta, where the teams attended the opening ceremony.

Both sides expressed concern about their itineraries before the first match. England team manager Ray

Illingworth said: "The idea of a football team traveling for 16 hours two days before a World Cup game just wouldn't happen, but we've had to do it, and that's after not being able to have net practice in Calcutta for three days."

Turner added: "The fact that this is our first full practice session since Thursday is not ideal on the eve of the first World Cup match, but as our last one-dayer against Zimbabwe was on February 3, at least we've played cricket more recently than most."

England's extra experience of one-day cricket at domestic level makes them favorites but Turner said: "We're happy to be underdogs."

"We've won at least half of our

last 12 one-dayers; we like to think we're improving, and our form is much better than before the last World Cup when we got to the semifinals."

Illingworth said: "After losing 6-1 in South Africa, it's important we get back to winning ways and play good cricket. We'll be stressing that those defeats are in the past now, although the players are professionals and they know that."

Captain Mike Atherton added: "This is my first World Cup and for others it is their first, and perhaps only, tilt at it."

"Generally you regard Test cricket as more important than one-dayers but this is only once every four years, we've never won it and it's just a special event."

# Early Dani goal wins for Hammers

LONDON (Reuter) - Portuguese international Dani scored within five minutes of making his first full appearance for West Ham to earn them a 1-0 Premier League win at Tottenham on Monday.

His close-range header was set up by West Ham's other new boy, Croatian center-back Slaven Bilic. Danny Williamson's corner fell to the unmarked Julian Dickie, whose 12-meter volley was instinctively pushed up into the air by goalkeeper Ian Walker.

Before the Tottenham defense could re-group, the powerful Bilic had applied a glancing header and Dani pounced to ood the ball into an empty net.

Two breathtaking saves by goalkeeper Luděk Miklosko denied Spurs an equalizer in the opening minutes of the second half.

First, Miklosko spread himself courageously to block Teddy Sheringham's fiercely struck close-range effort and then he stretched out a long leg to stop a goalbound Chris Armstrong shot.

But West Ham refused to sit on its lead and Tony Cottee, who replaced man-of-the-match Dani midway through the second half, could have had a hat-trick.

First, he shot over the bar from eight meters with only Walker to beat and then Walker denied him

twice, the first time with a breathtaking save to a close-range overhead shot.

West Ham's win was its first away since it beat bottom club Bolton on November 18.

Martin Ling, a 76th-minute replacement for player-manager Steve McMahon, scored a minute from time to sweep second division Swindon into the last 16 of the FA Cup.

His goal broke the goalless stalemate in the fourth-round clash with first division Oldham.

Meanwhile, Arsenal manager Bruce Rioch has escaped punishment for a touchline flare-up during his club's 2-0 League Cup quarter-final win over Newcastle last month.

But he was warned by the Football Association yesterday that he would be charged if he stepped out of line again.

Rioch was clearly regarded as the main protagonist in what he described as "an aggressive verbal confrontation" with Newcastle's assistant manager Terry McDermott.

The pair had to be kept apart by Newcastle boss Kevin Keegan and stewards during a heated clash after Newcastle's David Ginola had been controversially dismissed.

# Capriati injured, out of Paris Open

PARIS (AP) - Jennifer Capriati pulled out of the women's Paris Open yesterday, just before she was scheduled to play her first competitive match in 15 months.

Capriati said she strained a muscle near her right hip and lower back while practicing earlier in the day.

"I didn't want to push anything and make it worse," she said. "I was really looking forward to playing here. It's very unfortunate. I came all this way and I felt like I was ready. There was nothing I could do. Something like this had to happen."

The injury occurred while Capriati was practicing with Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria at a private club near the Stade Coubertin.

"I just pulled it," she said. "When you haven't been playing for awhile, your muscles are very tight. I was going for a ball and I just went too far."

Capriati said she planned to return to the tour again as soon as she was 100 percent fit.

Capriati, who accepted a wild card entry into the tournament last week, had been scheduled to face Sabine Appelmans of Belgium.

It would have been Capriati's first match since a first-round loss in Philadelphia in November 1994. That was the only match she had played since dropping off the tour following a first-round loss at the US Open in September 1993.

Since then, Capriati had been in the news for her troubled personal life, including a police citation for shoplifting, an arrest on marijuana possession charges and two stints in drug rehabilitation.

Capriati held the promise of becoming the sport's top star when she turned pro just before the age of 14.

At 14, she became the youngest Grand Slam semifinalist in history at the French Open in 1990. She also reached the semis at Wimbledon and the US Open in 1991, won the Olympic gold medal in 1992 and rose to No. 6 in the world rankings.

But burnout and injuries eventually took their toll. Capriati quit the tour and moved away from her family after losing in the first round of the 1993 US Open.

Capriati made an aborted comeback attempt at a tournament in Philadelphia in November 1994.

# Muster No. 1 due to quirk

MONACO (Reuter) - Thanks to a twist in the ATP Tour calendar, Austrian Thomas Muster became the world's top tennis player on Monday and claimed he deserved the ranking despite being a clay-court specialist.

The 29-year-old French Open champion from Leblitz, took over from Andre Agassi, who lost all the points he collected from last year's San Jose tournament because this year's event was postponed for a week.

World rankings are calculated on a yearly basis, so the San Jose event which Agassi won last year, dropped out of the reckoning when it was put back a week to accommodate the Davis Cup first round.

"I have been dreaming about becoming No. 1 but now it's reality," said Muster.

With 4,474 points, Muster leads Pete Sampras by only nine points. Agassi is third, on 4,379 points.

Both Agassi and Sampras said they did not think Muster deserved to become World No. 1 because he has won 33 of his 35 career titles on clay.

"The only thing I can say is that I won more matches on hardcourt than Pete and Andre did win on clay. I did not buy my points in a supermarket," an angry Muster replied.

Muster, who won 12 titles last year on clay, including the French Open, said he did not consider himself a "specialist."

"I won enough tournaments on hardcourt. Maybe not the major events like the Grand Slams but I won the biggest indoor event last year in Essen and I was a semifinalist once in Australia," he said.

# Goodwill match played under heavy security

COLOMBO (Reuter) - Troops, police, sniffer dogs and the bomb squad patrolled the Premadasa stadium yesterday as a joint Indian-Pakistani cricket team played Sri Lanka in a goodwill match.

India and Pakistan, uneasy neighbors who have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, combined for the friendly after Australia and West Indies pulled out of their scheduled World Cup matches in Sri Lanka because of safety fears. The World Cup starts today with England facing New Zealand at Ahmedabad, India.

The Australians and West Indians decided to forfeit their games after suspected Tamil Tiger rebels bombed the Central Bank in Colombo two weeks ago, killing more than 80 people, injuring 1,200 and wrecking the heart of the city's financial district.

The Indian and Pakistani cricketers said they were playing the match to show sport was above politics.

"This proves to the world we're all together and there is nothing wrong as far as sport is concerned," Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, who led the combined team, said. Many commentators have said Australia was

looking for an excuse not to come to Sri Lanka even before the bomb attack. They said the Australians feared a hostile reaction after Sri Lanka's recent controversial tour of Australia where they were accused of ball-tampering and off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was no-balled for throwing.

"They can give it, but they can't take it," said one Sri Lankan cricket fan as he arrived at the stadium.

"Another said: 'Shame, absolute shame on Australia. They had planned this all along.' Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar, who led dignitaries in raising the three national flags, said the match was a major demonstration of solidarity.

"Its implications are that the world would take notice of south Asia," Kadirgamar said. The Indian and Pakistani players appeared untroubled by the tight security in the Sri Lankan capital, where police discovered about 150 kg of TNT and ballbearings packed into the diesel tank of a truck on Monday.

"As far as we're concerned it was like coming to Sri Lanka to play a normal game. Nobody was concerned," Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said.

As part of the security operation at the match, everyone was body searched and only vehicles with the correct identification were allowed into the ground.

The route to the stadium was lined with hundreds of white-uniformed schoolgirls and flags and banners. "Sri Lanka welcomes the golden sons of India and Pakistan," said one.

"Loud applause and cheers greeted the visiting Indian-Pakistani team as they stepped out of their bus and walked into the stadium."

"Thanks Azha, for coming," fans shouted at the Indian captain.

Kandyan dancers heralded the arrival of the teams and the official cheerleader ran across the ground waving the Sri Lankan, Indian and Pakistani flags.

# Charlie Conerly at 74

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) - Charlie Conerly, a star quarterback for the New York Giants in the 1950s after a brilliant career at Mississippi, died yesterday after a long illness. He was 74.

He was a tailback at Ole Miss in 1942 and then again in 1946-47 after the war.

He died from complications related to the surgery. Conerly led Ole Miss to the first of their six SEC titles in 1947. While he was a tailback, he also did the passing, and still holds the Ole Miss single-season record with 18 touchdown passes thrown that season.

He was the SEC Player of the Year in 1947, when he also finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting. After his career at Ole Miss, Conerly had a 14-year pro career as a quarterback with the Giants. He was the NFL Rookie of the Year in 1948 and was selected all-pro three times.

In 1965, Conerly was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

# Lax Lemieux leads to Leafs' win

TORONTO (AP) - Kirk Muller and Dave Andreychuk scored on consecutive power plays late in the second period and the Toronto Maple Leafs took advantage of a rare off-night from Mario Lemieux to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-1 Monday night.

With the scored tied 1-1 late in the second period, Pittsburgh right wing Glen Murray took consecutive minor penalties and the Maple Leafs scored on both power plays.

Doog Gilmour and Mats Sundin also scored for Toronto, which won for just the second time in 13 games. Former Maple Leaf Dimitri Mironov scored for Pittsburgh.

Lemieux, the league-leading scorer, was a mere shadow of himself. He played along the boards most of the night and showed little offensive creativity. He had no shots in the first period, one in the second and two in the third.

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Ton Chorak scored twice and Damian Rhodes stopped 29 shots as

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Ottawa won back-to-back games for the first time since October with a 4-1 away victory.

The last time the Senators won consecutive games occurred October 22-26 when they strung together three wins. They beat the New York Rangers and Detroit on the road, and then Los Angeles at home.

Pavel Dumitra and Dave Archibald each scored their second goal of the season for the Senators, who are 3-7-1 since Jacques Lemaire took over as head coach on January 23. Zigmund Palffy scored the only goal for the Islanders, who have lost nine of their last 12 games.

Canadiens 3, Sharks 0  
Pierre Durocher's third-period power-play goal broke a scoreless tie and Montreal went on to home win.

Rick Nash added an empty-net goal, his 20th of the season, with 1:07 left to play and Durocher got his second of the game, also into an empty net, with 19 seconds remaining.

The lost ended a two-game winning streak for the Sharks.

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SCOREBOARD  
BASEBALL - The St. Louis Cardinals completed a long-awaited deal for relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley yesterday, acquiring him from the Oakland Athletics for minor-league reliever Steve Montgomery.  
COLLEGE BASKETBALL - Top 25 Monday's games: No. 3 Villanova (21-3) beat La Salle 90-50. No. 7 Utah (19-4) lost to Wyoming 90-76. No. 16 Syracuse (19-6) beat Rutgers 63-54.  
NBA - No games scheduled Monday: All-Star break.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL - Top 25 Monday's games: No. 3 Villanova (21-3) beat La Salle 90-50. No. 7 Utah (19-4) lost to Wyoming 90-76. No. 16 Syracuse (19-6) beat Rutgers 63-54.  
NBA - No games scheduled Monday: All-Star break.  
Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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